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FORT BENNING PAYS FINAL TRIBUTE TO FDR

2,100 Of Post's Best Form Honor Guard In Warm Springs Friday

BY SGT. CARL NEU

The road to Warm Springs was clogged with long convoys of Army vehicles in the hours before dawn last Friday morning as more than 2,100 of Fort Benning's finest hastened to the little Georgia cross-road community to pay final reverent tribute to the mortal remains of their suddenly departed commander-in-chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

To any early-risers along the way the convoys might have appeared to be just another military maneuver, but within the hearts of the men inside those trucks and buses and jeeps there was sadness intermingled with fierce American pride.

News of the President's death had reached those men early the previous evening and like the rest of their comrades at Fort Benning they had been stunned indeed. Now, though, as they rode along the highway to Warm Springs, they were beginning to realize the full import of the news—and the purpose of their mission.

Hastily summoned from their bunks in the wee small hours of the morning, many hadn't realized just where they were going. But the road markers pointed to Warm Springs and their chests began to swell with pride, because they had been picked as representatives of America's most complete Army post to stand guard of honor at the bier and march in the funeral cortege of their most beloved commander-in-chief.

To every last man, and there was every rank from major general to buck private representing the post at Warm Springs last Friday, they did themselves proud, performed their duties in an exemplary manner and, with the eyes of the world upon them, paid fitting military tribute to the greatest leader in the world.

The Warm Springs mission was one that none of those privileged 2,100 soldiers and officers will ever forget, for it was at once the saddest and yet the proudest moment of their lives.

When the convoys reached Warm Springs last Friday morning, the sun was just beginning to creep over the horizon. As the trucks,

We Were 'His Boys'

When the late President Roosevelt visited Fort Benning in 1943, he left no doubt in the minds of those who met him concerning his great interest in the men in the ranks. Met at the train by Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen, then commandant of The Infantry School, and Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, then post commander, his first words upon greeting them were: "Well, how are you taking care of my boys down here?"

Coming in on State Highway No. 88 from Columbus, reached the intersection of Pine Road, they could see the little railroad station just fifty paces away, and on the track nearby was the 10-car train, powered by two huge engines, that was to carry the body of the commander-in-chief to Washington.

Also at the crossroad they saw the familiar figure of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of the Infantry School, who had been summoned to Warm Springs the night before and placed in charge of all military activities in connection with the funeral procession.

General Walker stood at the crossroads directing activities in much the same manner that he had stood on Salerno beachhead, only a little more than a year ago, directing the flow of action in that bloody inferno. For the first 36 hours at Salerno, General Walker had been in command of all Allied forces on the beachhead.

As the long convoys reached the crossroad, General Walker sent them on down Pine Road to areas on and near the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which Franklin Roosevelt had founded years before.

Included in the 2,100 men were 1,600 from School Troops, the Infantry School; 300 from the 2nd Parachute Training Regiment, the Parachute School; 150 officer candidates from the 30th Co., 3rd STR, the Infantry School; and 50 specially-selected Military Policemen from MP Detachment 1, station complement, Army Service Forces.

Post Flag Draped Casket

The flag which covered the casket of the late commander-in-chief, on the long journey from the Little White House at Warm Springs to the White House in Washington was issued by the Director of Supply's office here at Fort Benning at 3:00 a. m. Friday morning, and rushed to Warm Springs with the detachment of MPs who formed an honor guard during the funeral procession.

When the request for the flag came from Warm Springs, the night duty officer at the quartermaster office was alerted and went to the warehouse to obtain the flag.

It was then rushed to Quartermaster Laundry No. 2 to be pressed and folded by the lone worker still on duty before it was sent to Warm Springs. Whether the Benning flag accompanied the casket after its arrival in Washington is unknown, but the one draping the casket on the long trip from the Southland, was procured here.

The MPs, under the personal command of Lt. Col. Victor Lee, Director, Security and Intelligence Division at post headquarters, were immediately dispersed in the area of the crossroads and the station, controlling all traffic and guarding the train. Later ten of those same MPs were to be accorded the privilege of forming an honor guard to handle the casket once it had been placed inside the train.

The rest of the troops assembled on the golf course near the entrance to the foundation. Meanwhile Marines from the detachment stationed at the Little White House worked rapidly at the station constructing the ramp upon which the casket was to be carried up to the train.

There was a hushed stillness all about. Scores of newspapermen, cameramen, and newsreel photographers scurried about the area near the station making preparations to cover the funeral procession. Capt. Richard E. Turkey, post public relations officer, who had arrived on the scene shortly before 7 a. m., met with the press and kept them informed on the plans for Fort Benning's participation in the procession.

Secret servicemen also mingled in the small gatherings of villagers and onlookers. Mostly, though, the villages went on about their business. The small country store on one corner opened its doors for business, a truck pulled up to deliver vegetables, and a few housewives came along with their market baskets. But everywhere there was relative stillness.

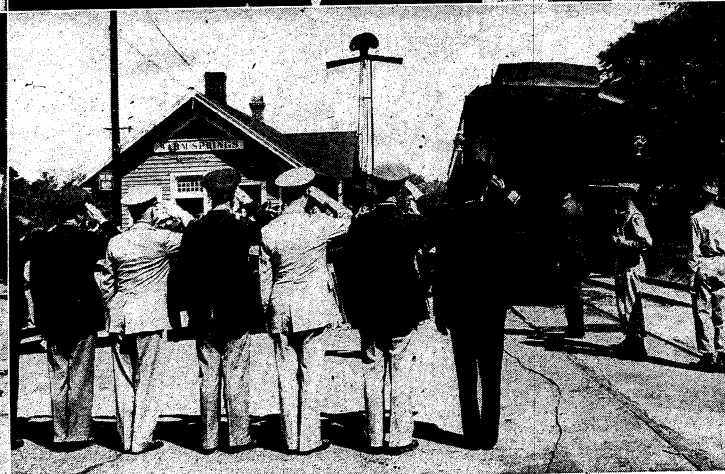
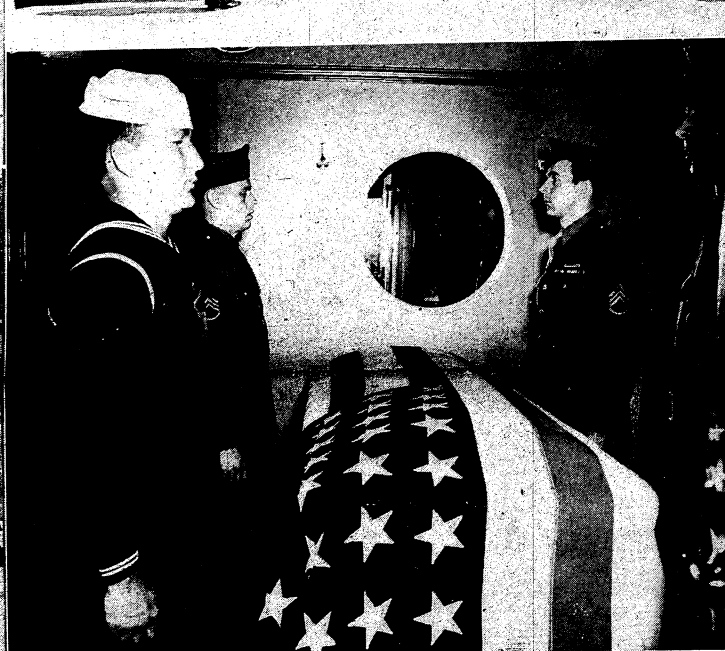
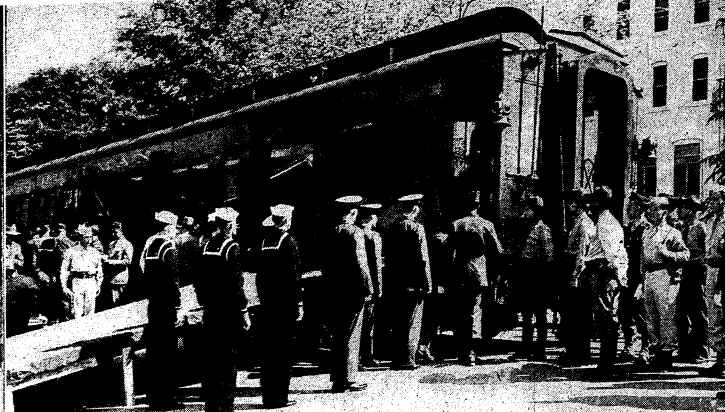
Then suddenly came the thump of marching feet as 300 husky young paratroopers came up Pine Road from the command of Lt. Col. Mark J. Alexander, director of advanced training at the Parachute School, they swiftly moved into single file on both sides of the road and assumed positions three paces apart.

Farther down the road, the officer candidates of the 30th company followed suit and taking up where the paratroopers left off, they continued the long line of khaki-clad soldiers on both sides of the road. The OCs were under the command of Capt. John K. Tyson. When all were in position, there was a solid line on both sides of Pine Road, from the gates of the foundation right up to the railroad station.

The MPs, nattily attired in their white gloves and leggings, formed secondary lines just behind the paratroopers in the vicinity of the crossroads.

Then, after almost an interminable wait while the hushed stillness seemed to rise in crescendo, there came from the distance

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Fort Benning's Farewell to the Commander-in-Chief

The picture layout above, a Bayonet exclusive, portrays a vivid record of Fort Benning's part in the Roosevelt funeral procession at Warm Springs, Ga., last Friday morning. At top, left, leading the procession is Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, commanding general, School Troops, The Infantry School, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lt. Raymond C. Buchman, and a walkie-talkie operator. In the background are the combined bands of the 99th AGF Band and the 267th AGF Band which provided the music. At the extreme left is CWO Morris N. Poummit of the 267th Band. In the picture at middle left is shown a portion of one of the Infantry Training Detachments marching in column of fours down the lane, provided by the OCs and paratroopers lining both sides of the highway. At bottom, left, are several of the high-ranking military and naval officers who followed on foot directly behind the hearse bearing the President's body. The first twosome

is Rear Admiral Jules James, Commandant, Sixth Naval District of Charleston, and Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of The Infantry School. The next twosome is composed of Brig. Gen. Sidney Erickson, chief of staff, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta; and Brig. Gen. Joseph Battley, deputy chief of staff for service commands, ASF, Washington. Behind General Erickson is Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, and far to the left can be seen Col. Wilson M. Spann, executive officer, The Infantry School. The first mourner's car behind the marching officers is that containing Mrs. Roosevelt and Rear Admiral Ross McIntyre, the President's personal physician, both of whom arrived at Fort Benning by plane late Thursday while en route to Warm Springs. At top, right, is general scene at the railroad station just after the casket had been carried up the ramp by an honor guard and placed inside the train through the open window. Portions of the

honor guard are about to enter the coach to stand guard at the bier. All soldiers shown are Fort Benning personnel. At middle right is Photographer Phil Charleson's splendid shot of the Roosevelt bier on the train. The soldier on the left of the casket is Sgt. George H. Schramm, while the one on the right is Sgt. Henry W. Jones. Both are members of ITD No. 2, School Troops, and were among six men from their unit who accompanied the body to Washington. At bottom right is Benning's final farewell to the commander-in-chief as the train begins to leave the station. The saluting officers with their backs to the camera are, left to right: Maj. Allen D. Albert, Jr., of The Infantry School; General Hobson, General Battley, General Erickson, General Walker, and Admiral James. Two Benning paratroopers are visible at the right, while the two civilians are both secret service men. — (Bayonet Staff photos by Pfc. Phil Charleson, sole military cameraman at the Warm Springs funeral procession.)

14 Mothers of Benning Soldiers To Be Invited for Mother's Day

Fourteen mothers of Fort Benning soldiers will come from the four corners of the nation for the Post's annual Mother's Day weekend May 11-13. It was announced this week by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, the Post Commander.

As guests of the Post, the Mothers will have all of their expenses paid by the Army Post, including first class rail transportation from their homes to Fort Benning and return.

DRAWN BY LOT
The names of the lucky soldier-sons, whose Mothers will visit the Post, are to be determined by drawings which will be held in the major installations. Special Service Officers of the various commands are planning the drawings within their installations.

The allocation of Mothers is as follows: The Infantry School, 5; The Parachute School, 3; Lawson Field, 1; Second Army Troops, 1; Army Service Forces, 1; WAC detachments, 1; two mothers of Negro soldiers will be invited, including the mother of one soldier of TIS.

UNIT CELEBRATIONS
At a meeting in the Post Public Relations Office Tuesday, Chaplain Paul K. Buckles, Post Chaplain, who is in charge of the program, said that the three-day schedule will permit the Mothers to tender the guest Mothers special celebrations.

It is contemplated, according to Chaplain Buckles, that the Mothers will arrive in Columbus on May 11 with a dinner that night at the Post. Saturday morning, May 12, the Mothers will have breakfast in an Army mess hall. During Saturday forenoon,

the Mothers and their soldier-sons will be taken on a tour of the Post where they will have an opportunity to watch soldiers in training.

The names of the lucky soldier-sons, whose Mothers will attend the 3-day program, will be announced in the Bayonet on May 3rd.

Further information relative to submission of names through the major installations will be made known by the various unit Special Service Officers.

'Angel of Bataan' Guest Speaker At Women's Meeting

Lt. Mildred Dalton, of the Army Nurse Corps, an "Angel of Bataan" and a Japanese prisoner for more than three years, will be the principal speaker of the Current Events Group of the Fort Benning Women's Club, Monday, April 23, at 2:30 p. m. (EDT).

Arrangements for bringing Lieutenant Dalton to Fort Benning were made by Mrs. Victor Lee, chairman of the Current Events Group. The meeting will be held in the Ladies' Lounge of the Main Post Officers' Club.

Mrs. Lee has extended a special invitation to members of the Army Nurse Corps and Women's Army Corps officers whose interest in Lt. Dalton's experiences would make the program attractive to them. No formal invitation is required, Mrs. Lee said, as the club desires all officers of both corps to attend as guests of the Fort Benning Women's Club.

Combat Awards For Returnees Slated Sunday

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of the Infantry School, will present awards earned in overseas action to officers and enlisted men of the 1st Student Training Regiment. The Infantry School, at a ceremony Sunday at 10:30 a. m. on Blue Polo Field. The 2nd and 4th Battalions will stand in review.

Those to be decorated are: Lt. Col. Richard J. Dial, commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, who will be presented the Bronze Star for his tact, energy, foresight and excellent judgment and exceptional ability which aided in the development of the Russell and British Solomon Islands as important air bases.

BRONZE STAR
Capt. Truman M. Paul, adjutant, 2nd Battalion, and First Lieutenant John M. Herweg, a student in 17th Co., will receive the bronze star for meritorious action on Anzio beachhead and San Michele, Italy, respectively.

Sgt. George E. Fekewell, a student in the 19th Co., will receive the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Burma.

Combat Infantryman badges for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy will be awarded to: Capt. Leo F. Markard, commanding officer, 17th Co.; Michael Stern, Pfc. Paul Messina, and Pfc. Dewey Robinson, 19th Co.; Pfc. Claude J. Ramey, Max Umansky, and Richard Stevens, 20th Co.; Pfc. Lloyd Steward, 21st Co.; and Pfc. Lowry K. Ball and Carl T. Hansen, both of Headquarters Co.

During the ceremonies 160 Good Conduct medals will also be presented to members of the Regiment.

Former TIS Man Led Capture Of Nazi Von Papen

1st Lieut. Thomas McKinley, a resident of Lexington, Ky., who was assigned to the Infantry School March 31, 1943, was the leader of the glider infantry squad which last week captured Baron Franz von Papen, former chancellor of Germany.

The tall, monocular Papen, the outstanding German to be captured since Rudolf Hess, former Reich Minister, was parachuted into Scotland before Germany attacked Russia in 1941, was captured in the town of St. Germain along with his son and son-in-law.

Von Papen admitted his identity to Lieutenant McKinley and added, "but I can't imagine what you Americans want with an old man of 67 years." Lieutenant McKinley explained to him that it was necessary to take him.

Gen. Fredendall Visits Benning

Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, Commanding General of the Second Army, paid a short visit to Fort Benning last Wednesday morning when he arrived via plane with his staff en route from Second Army installations at Camp Jackson to those at Camp Shelby.

He arrived at Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army at Fort Benning, Wednesday morning, held conferences with Col. Richard W. Carter, Commanding Officer of Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, while his staff members conferred with members of the staff of Fourth Headquarters about various problems, and then the entire party went to the 89th Signal Operations Battalion for lunch.

They left during the afternoon by plane from Camp Shelby. Accompanying General Fredendall were the following members of his staff: Brig. Gen. A. M. Curney, Col. Carl W. Haguse, Col. C. Knudson, Col. J. A. Dabney, Col. C. M. Lucas, Col. John B. Bellinger, Col. Ransom G. Ammons, Lt. Col. Vernon P. Mook, Col. M. F. Sullivan, Lt. Col. T. S. Elston, Jr., and Maj. F. A. Norman.

Prof Headquarters Men Are Awarded Conduct Ribbons
For "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" during a year or more of active Federal military service, 27 enlisted men of headquarters company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School have been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Col. Brookner W. Brady, regimental commander, has announced. Those honored were: M-Sgt. James M. Broadwater, S-Sgt. John L. Copeland, John R. Gibbons, and Walter J. Miller, Jr.

Sgts. Homer T. Bryan, Marshall F. Gladieux, Orin L. Hunter, John M. Kaupke, Jack W. Riley, John W. Tripp, Leonard T. Vardon and Kenneth C. Williams. Technicians 4th Grade Edward J. Adams, William R. Benthall, Paul A. Ellsworth, William M. Haggerty, John A. Schuchman, William T. Marvin, John M. Sellers, and John J. Reilly. Technicians 5th Grade Simon Schnepf, John A. Schuchman, William T. Marvin, John M. Sellers, and John J. Reilly. Technicians 5th Grade Simon Schnepf, John A. Schuchman, William T. Marvin, John M. Sellers, and John J. Reilly.



MP HONOR GUARD—Ten picked members of the Fort Benning Military Police Detachment acted as honor guards placing the casket of the late President Roosevelt in the rear pullman of the special train at Warm Springs, Ga., last Friday.

Receiving the bier from the honor guard of soldiers, marines and sailors through a window of the train, the ten military policemen lifted the 900-pound coffin from the window and arranged it in a rear compartment for its final trip to Washington.

The M.P.s, picked from an already select detachment of 80 on duty with the secret servicemen around Warm Springs, included: (Left to right, first row) Sgt. Robert B. Rankin of Westminster, Md.; Cpl. Ralph M. Bennett of De-Ridder, La.; T-4 Henry Sendrowski of Worcester, Mass.; Pfc. Frank Martin of San Antonio, Tex.; and Pfc. Daniel Reynolds of Priceville, Ky. Rear row: Pfc. Roy A. Gregory of Enloe, Texas; Pfc. Leonard T. Bartosik of Chicago, Ill.; Pfc. Robert C. Lee of Delaware, N. J.; Cpl. Pless Gipson of Clairfield, Tenn.; and Cpl. Aloysius Kramerick of Joliet, Ill.

27 Grey Ladies Are Graduated

Mrs. Harold Cooledge, Administrative Assistant of Volunteer Special Services from the Area Office of American Red Cross, Atlanta, was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremony of the Grey Ladies of the Fort Benning Auxiliary. The ceremony was held at 3 o'clock in the Red Cross recreation hall at the Regional hospital.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Jack Meyer of Fort Benning, chairman of Volunteer Services for the Fort Benning Auxiliary. Prior to the graduation ceremony the graduates were guests at the Regular Grey Ladies Monthly luncheon, at which time Mrs. Cooledge spoke on the value of service in the present time of stress.

DOVELL SPEAKS
The invocation was given by Chaplain Theodore Backeler, and a brief address was made by Chaplain Theodore Backeler, Commanding Officer of the ASF Regional hospital. Mrs. Cooledge pinned the caps on the graduates and Mrs. Backeler presented pins. Music for the occasion and tea following, was furnished by the 22nd band.

Graduates were Mesdames T. R. Aaron, C. S. Armistead, C. Howard Arnold, Paul Brown, Henry M. Craig, H. R. Emery, D. H. Estill, Walter Farris, M. Frost, C. B. Gibbs, Henry Hall, W. Hampton, C. F. Heard, John McDonald, J. W. McLain, J. L. McMillan, C. W. McMullan, Roy Phillips, M. C. Reichenberger, E. M. Requa, J. R. Richards, George Shoetz, B. A. Schmitt, Thomas L. Stephens, J. R. Thompson, A. H. Veezey, and Thomas Wade.

Six Chileans Visit At TPS

Three lieutenant colonels and three majors of the Chilean Army visited the Parachute School last Wednesday morning and expressed enthusiasm over the paratrooper training program.

Guests of Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall, and the War Department, while on tour of Army installations in the United States, the Chilean officers were accompanied by Lt. Col. R. Miranda and Lt. Pierre Villere, who met them at the Miami Airport last Monday. Lt. Carlos Lozano, special TIS aide, acted as interpreter during the visiting officers' three-hour tour of the school.

SIX OFFICERS
The group of Chilean officers was comprised of Lt. Col. Clodomiro Concha, Artillery; Lt. Col. Enrique Boedecker, Cavalry; Lt. Col. Rafael Gualda, Artillery; Major Pedro Arancibia, Infantry; Maj. Benjamin Videla, Engineers; and Maj. Augusto Prado, Infantry.

After witnessing several jumps of student paratroopers over Normandy Field in the Alabama Area, the visitors expressed interest in the parachute harness and tried on several harnesses of open type.

The guest officers toured "B" Stage, "A" Stage, and "C" Stage, where they concluded their tour of the Parachute School with a ride on the Buddy Seat. They spent four days visiting other installations at Fort Benning and paratrooper training area for Randolph Field, Texas.

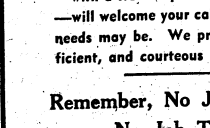
New Assistant Base Chaplain At Lawson
C. Charles E. Thompson, until recently stationed at the Parachute School, has assumed duties as Assistant Base Chaplain at Lawson.

Main Exchange Open Sundays

Main Branch of the Post Exchange will now be open Sundays from 1 until 6 p. m. starting this Sunday, Lt. Col. Lawton Jordan, Post Exchange Officer, has announced.

The opening of the Main Exchange on Sundays will make facilities available to those troops in outlying areas who are unable to purchase certain commodities which are only available at the Main Exchange.

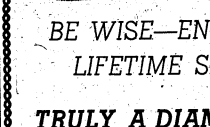
Personnel will be placed on a rotating schedule in order to service the Sunday opening of the Main Exchange. Time off work will be granted during the week to personnel who will work on Sundays.



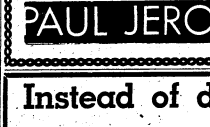
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Fri.—Sat.
Red Stilton—Esther Williams in "BATHING BEAUTY"
Wed.—Thurs.
KATHARINE HEPBURN in "DRAGON SEED"
SATURDAY
"SAGEBRUSH HEROES"
Sun.—Mon.
Garp Cooper—Ingrid Bergman in "FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL"
Tue.—Wed.
Lon Chaney—Boris Karloff in "HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN"
Thurs.—Fri.
MICKEY ROONEY in "ANDY HAROLD'S BLONDE TROUBLE"

Royal

Fri.—Sat.
Marjorie Weaver—Peter Cookson in "SHADOW OF SUSPICION"
Sun.—Mon.
Dana Andrews—Gene Tierney in "LAURA"
Tue.—Wed.
Geo. Sanders—Linda Dornell in "SUMMER STORM"
Thurs.
Pat Parrish—Jackie Moran in "LET'S GO STEADY"

Springer

SATURDAY
"FEUD OF TRAIL"
Sun.—Mon.
Paulette Goddard—Sonny Tufts in "I LOVE A SOLDIER"
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Benning Scored Notable 'Firsts' On Air Shows In Tribute To FDR

It was 15 minutes before time to go on the air with the five-day-a-week radio show, "Fort Benning on the Air," at 6 p. m. (EWT) on Thursday, April 12.

In the studio in the Public Relations Office at Fort Benning, preparing to stage an interview, were Col. Richard W. Carter, commanding officer of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, Col. Louis D. Rubin, Jr., of the Second Army, St. Sgt. Carl Neu, newscaster, and T-3 O. J. Remington of the Public Relations Office.

AD LIBBED REVIEW

Sgt. Remington picked up the earphones to check the connections, just as the first flash of the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt was being broadcast by radio station WRBL. He shouted the news to the others in the studio. It was quickly spread about Post Headquarters and at 6 p. m. when the program went on the air, Sgt. Neu ad libbed a brief review of the way that the tragic news stunned officers and enlisted men at the Post.

It is believed that Fort Benning was the first Army post to broadcast any news or comment about the death of the Commander-in-Chief.

At 8:30 p. m. Thursday night, the Reception Center Chorus was due to take to the air with its regular weekly "Songs of the South." Sgt. Willis M. Brown, conductor of the chorus was contacted and the chorus changed its previously rehearsed program into a tribute to the President, presenting a program of hymns and spirituals.

SACRED HYMNS

These included "Holy Ghost With Light Divine," "Faith of Our Fathers," "The Lord's Prayer," "Softly Now the Light of Day," "Lord, What Shall I do," "Abide With Me" and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." It concluded with "This Is My Country."

Meanwhile in keeping with the occasion, Sgt. Neu's "Spotlighting" program and the Lawson Field Air Show" both were cancelled.

Fort Benning officials believe again that the post was first to go on the air with a tribute to the President with the Reception Center broadcast.

On Saturday, April 14, the band scheduled for the 2 p. m. (EWT) radio program "Listen It's Fort Benning" was cancelled, going on Saturday morning, WRBL re-

ceived via teletype, a play written by Macajah Wrenn of the United Front staff entitled "The Man of the People," a half-hour script dealing with President Roosevelt's rise to the Presidency and the highlights of his career until his death.

NO REHEARSALS

Three typists rushed to get the script transcribed into type, members of the Fort Benning Theater Guild were hastily recruited, and Col. Louis Rubin got together recordings of classical music to use as sound effects. The script was not finished until 1:35 p. m. and the play went on without benefit of even one rehearsal.

In spite of that, WRBL officials reported it was one of the finest programs ever presented over the station. Soldiers and civilians included Cpl. Phil Mulligan; Cpl. George Schultz; St. Sgt. Eddie Birnberg; T-3 Sue Ann Young, Pfc. Ross Kottman, and Cpl. Neu and Remington with Corporal Rubin handling the recorded sound effects.

It is believed that not only Fort Benning the first Army camp to stage this production, but that it undoubtedly was the premiere of the show for the entire country.

Then, on Saturday evening, the regular "Service Club of the Air" time from 6 to 8 p. m. over WDAK was taken up with another program of tribute to the late Commander.

Taking part were Sgt. Willis Brown, conductor of the Reception Center Chorus, Sgt. Frontis Brooks, pianist, and Pfc. William Shorter, on the Hawaiian guitar. Both the latter were members of the Reception Center Band. Pfc. Shorter, incidentally, played "It's My Desire," which he had once played to President Roosevelt personally at Warm Springs three years ago.

On Sunday morning, the Memorial Services at 11:15 a. m. (EWT) were carried "live" by WDAK and were recorded by WRBL to be played at 11:30 p. m. (EWT) on Sunday.

'Step On It' Due At Post

USO-Camp Shows' latest Victory Unit, "Step On It" will arrive at Fort Benning on Thursday, April 26, for a week-long run in theaters in various areas of the post.

Artists from the top drawer of vaudeville appear in the unit which will give out with gay songs, hit songs, unique novelty, and feats of skill in a fast-moving revue.

Featured in the cast are Brown and Lavelle, a famed old comedy team; Paul Cadden, a French tenor; Bud Carrell and Rosa, a rope-cracking team; a la the Wild West, Sally, Jack and Macosca, a man-woman-and-dog unit of renown; Mel Hyman, musical conductor; and last but far from least, the Six Kitty Wolf Girls, a chorus line of luscious leg-lovely dancers.

A complete schedule of time and place of all performances of "Step On It" will be carried in next week's Bayonet.

Lawson NCOs Stage Party

Lawson's NCO Club staged one of the most successful affairs in its history when 350 members celebrated the organization's third anniversary at a dinner and dance in the base gym recently.

The Southern Manor floor show entertained and music by the 28th A. G. F. band rounded out the evening of festivities which started with a chicken dinner.

NCO leaders were especially pleased with the large turnout of members' wives. It was the largest female representation at any affair ever held at the club.

HILARIOUS SHOW

Hilarious Bennie Ray, Southern Manor M. C., took over the microphone, and his antics brought rounds of applause. One of the highlights of the program was a lady magician, Lenore Walter. Yvonne and Victor presented an acrobatic act. Peggy Kraft and Eddie Lange were heard in songs and dances.

The committee for the affair was headed by S-Sgt. E. Reynolds, and included M-Sgt. John J. Finnegan, 1st Sgt. Elwood W. Glassey, S-Sgt. M. J. Ewerling, S-Sgt. H. C. Orman, Sgt. E. J. Junge and Sgt. Pat Ricciardi.

WACS WIN GAME, 43-6

The WAC Det. Sec. II softball team won 46 to 6 over Spencer high school of Columbus last Thursday night, April 12. Cpl. Louie Evans is coach of the WAC team.

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'Meet The Wife' On Monday In Main Theater

"Meet the Wife," first theatrical venture of the Fort Benning Theater Guild, will move into the Main Theater for a one-night stand next Monday, April 23, at 8:30 p. m. Admission will be free to all military personnel and their guests.

The show previously played to large soldier audiences in both hospitals and at the Children's School and in the Alabama Area gym.

It met with such popular approval that Guild directors decided to repeat it for the main post audiences in a larger theater. It will follow the first movie on Monday night, but because of the necessity of setting the stage, the three-act comedy will not start until 9:30 p. m.

STARS IN CAST

The play was directed by Mrs. Virginia Thomas and sets were created and executed by Cpl. R. T. Wells and S-Sgt. Joseph Ruginski.

When to Go To the USO

Ninth Street will stage the dance tonight which was cancelled last Thursday in deference to President Roosevelt. The 99th AGF Dance Band, under the direction of Sgt. Peck, will play. An Army Wives luncheon will be held this afternoon at Third Avenue USO. A Bingo party will be held tonight at Broadway USO with a free phone call home as the prize.

Friday night will see the renewal of Bingo at Ninth Street which was cancelled last week due to the death of the commander-in-chief. Eleventh Street has booked an Officer Candidates dance for the second floor, and Third Avenue will have an "Informal Evening" on tap with games, dancing and refreshments. Broadway will have a feature movie, "Lady Eve," with Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda.

A dance will also be staged Saturday night at Ninth Street's huge gym with the 22nd AGF Dance Band, led by Sgt. Tony Muro. Eleventh Street will hold a "Bingo Party" and Third Avenue will sponsor another of its popular "Open Party" with Junior Hostesses available. Edgar White will stage a variety show at Broadway.

Sunday brings the day when soldiers look to USO to do their "home away from home" with leisure time on their hands. Breakfasts are served at all of the clubs. A concert by the Orpheus Club, followed by a community sing, will be available at Ninth Street in the late afternoon, and movies at night. Third Avenue will have a fellowship supper and vespers hour. Broadway will have a quiz program.

Bridge will be played at Ninth Street Monday evening and voice recordings to send to the folks at home will be available at Broadway. A glee club rehearsal will be staged at Third Avenue USO.

Tuesday night sees the start of another eight weeks' dancing class at Ninth Street. The class is limited to 30 beginners, so get your names in early if you want to learn to jitterbug or waltz. Members of the "Foreign Legion"—an organization of wives with husbands overseas, will have a supper at Third Avenue. An informal dance will be held at Eleventh Street with the 99th AGF Dance Band furnishing the music. A bowling party has been arranged for Broadway Club.

Wednesday features a sorority party at Eleventh Street USO with Beta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi as hostesses. Open house will be observed at Third Avenue with bridge, games, and dancing forming part of the evening. A mystery movie will be shown at Ninth Street. Arts and Crafts Night will be held at Broadway.

Piano Composer Heard on WDAK

Fort Benning's weekly "Women at War" program broadcast Tuesday afternoon from the Public Relations Office over WDAK was a riot of music furnished by one of the South's youngest composers, Mrs. Raymond Lee Gibbs—better known to music circles as "Micky" Gibbs.

The 17-year-old musician when interviewed, said that she had been playing the piano since she was three years old but that she doesn't consider herself a great musician.

She is the wife of a sergeant now overseas, and although a career as a musician or concert artist might call her she just "wants the war to end" and have her husband back home.

The musician is employed in the Records Section of Fort Benning Post Headquarters. She is a native Georgian, having been born in DeKalb county and lived in the state all her life.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Bayonet, Thursday, April 19, 1945 Three

The Movie Week

THURSDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST with John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.
Nos. 2 & 3: THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.
Nos. 4 & 5: WITHOUT LOVE with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.
No. 7: NO MOVIES TONIGHT.
No. 10: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS.
No. 11: BILLY ROSE'S DIAMOND HOESHOE with Betty Grable and Dick Haymes.

FRIDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST with John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.
Nos. 2 & 3: THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.
Nos. 4 & 5: WITHOUT LOVE with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.
No. 7: I'LL REMEMBER APRIL with Gloria Jean and Kirby Grant.
No. 10: ESCAPE IN THE FOG with Otto Kruger and Nina Foch.
No. 11 & 12: THE HORN BLOWS AT MIDNIGHT with Jack Benny and Alexis Smith.
No. 10: DILLINGER with Edmund Lowe and Lawrence Tierney.

SATURDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: THREE'S A CROWD with Gertrude Michael and Charles Gordon.
Nos. 2 & 3: THE BULLFIGHTERS with Laurel and Hardy.
Nos. 4 & 5: FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST with John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.
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SUNDAY
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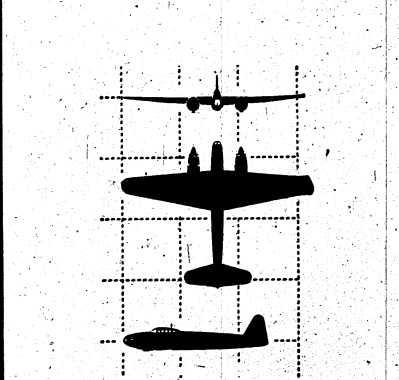
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No. 10: THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.
No. 11 & 12: WITHOUT LOVE with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.

TUESDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY with George Sanders and Hurd Hatfield.
Nos. 2 & 3: IT'S IN THE BAG with Fred Allen and Binnie Barnes.
Nos. 4 & 5: FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST with John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.
No. 7: THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.
No. 10: THREE'S A CROWD with Gertrude Michael and Charles Gordon.
No. 11 & 12: THE BULLFIGHTERS with Laurel and Hardy.

WEDNESDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: ESCAPE IN THE DESERT with Philip Dorn and Andrea King.
Nos. 2 & 3: IT'S IN THE BAG with Fred Allen and Binnie Barnes.
Nos. 4 & 5: THREE'S A CROWD with Gertrude Michael and Charles Gordon.
No. 7: THE BULLFIGHTERS with Laurel and Hardy.
No. 10: FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST with John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.
No. 11 & 12: THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.

THURSDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: WITHOUT LOVE with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.

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Second Army Record Review

By Cpl. Louis D. Rubin Jr.
Two top-rate VICTOR discs highlight the week's parade of recorded music as heard at Hume's Music Store in Columbus. They're the work of Artie Shaw and Tommy Dorsey, respectively.

Shaw, wonder of one of America's most outstanding clarinets, gets together his famous Gramercy Five with "The Grabtown Grapple" and "The Sad Sack." "The Grabtown Grapple" is one of the hottest concentrations of musical bombardment we've run across. It carries rhythm from one end to the other. "The Sad Sack" is also a pretty torrid affair.

Dorsey's number is the old favorite, "On the Sunny Side of the Street," to which he gives a treatment. The sentimentalists don't do badly on the vocals, either. "Any Old Time" occupies the reverse of the record and features the reverse of the record.

Other releases, also by VICTOR, include two more collection pieces by the unique Spike Jones and his rather recent recording of "The Jerk," about as novel a piece of tomfoolery as anybody'll meet up with.

VICTOR also contributes Freddy Martin in "A Song to Remember" and "Laura." Artie Shaw does the singing. BLUEBIRD's weekly presentation is Texas Jim Robertson, who has a rather bull-frog-sounding base voice, warbling "Rodger Young" and "A Talk to the Boss in the Sky."

A rather neat item in VICTOR's series of Hot Jazz albums is the "Quintet of the Hot Club of France," consisting of three guitarists, a fiddle, and a bass viol, recorded back in 1936. Their "Runnin' Wild" is nice, and "Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby" is also quite unusual.

On the classical music side of the picture, we heard VICTOR's recording of the "Double Concerto in D Minor" for violins, by Bach, with Yehudi Menuhin and Georges Enesco as soloists, and the orchestra conducted by Pierre Monteux.

In every respect it is a superb recording, a delightful rendition of 18th Century alternating contrasts.

'Pvt. Bob Framis' Back On Air Show, He'll Sing, Too!

Pvt. Bob Framis, the perennial buck prairie war, is gaining wide following on the part of listeners to the radio program "Listen It's Fort Benning," not only avoids becoming a sergeant, but takes to song when he returns to the other waves this Saturday.

A creation of the imagination of Corp. Louis D. Rubin, Second Army, Pvt. Framis has had numerous adventures on the Fort Benning radio show produced at 2 p. m. each Saturday from the stage of the Main Theater.

In the script to be presented by members of the Fort Benning radio group this week, Framis almost has to join the ranks of a group of sergeants with whom he has a continuing feud. He also sings an original song "Lamentation for a Sergeant," written by Corp. Rubin, and orchestrated by Technical Sergeant K. D. Blum.

Winged Victory Exhibits Draw Crowds In City

Thousands, including military and civilian dignitaries viewed the initial showing of "Winged Victory" and thronged the Bradley Theater lobby as Columbus ushered in "Winged Victory Week" last Sunday night.

While a packed house applauded Moss Hart's thrilling Army Air Forces hit, crowds milled about the AAF exhibits which were arranged by the Lawson Field public Relations office.

Military leaders who saw the film, a dramatic report to the nation on the story behind the headlines, included Lt. Col. Robert Monroe, Executive Officer of Lawson Field, a base of the 1st Troop Carrier Command, and other Fort Benning representatives. Attending as guests of honor were overseas Air Force aviators each averaging 1,000 hours of flying in combat zones.

Mayor Sterling Albrecht, who designated April 15 to 22 as "Winged Victory Week," was in attendance, together with city officials, as the film opened for a three-day run.

Those who saw the picture were immensely interested in the Lawson AAF exhibit in the Bradley Theater lobby. The material on exhibit included a giant three-bladed propeller from a C-47 Skytrain, an emergency life raft replete with sail, medical supplies, rations and other equipment.

Another display in a window of Chancellor's store included a similar life raft, an automatic pilot, and a "Gibson Girl" emergency radio transmitter together with its complement of apparatus such as kite antenna.

Famous Composer Plays At Hospital

Ray Goodhart, composer of "Johnny Doughboy" Found a Root in Ireland" and other famous tunes, carried a "one-man" show to Fort Benning Regional Hospital playing the various wards of the Main Post and Harmony Church Hospitals as well as two evening shows.

Touring under auspices of USO Camp Shows Hospital Circuit, Mr. Goodhart has been entertaining Fort Benning hospital patients with some of his famous tunes: "I Had a Nickle," "I Saw Stars," "Auf Wiedersehen," "Black-Eyed Susan Brown," and others.

Goodhart's four-day tour at Fort Benning ends tonight.

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Fort Benning Radio Shows

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7:30 P. M. "Sportscasting" with Sgt. Carl Neu (WDAK)
7:45 P. M. "Lawson Field Air Show" (WDAK)
8:30 P. M. "Songs of the South" (WRBL)

FRIDAY
6:00 P. M. "Fort Benning on the Air" (WRBL)
11:45 P. M. "Midnight Moods" by The Parachute School (WDAK)

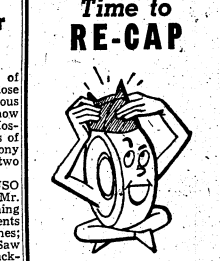
SATURDAY
2:00 P. M. "Listen, It's Fort Benning" stage show in Main Theater (WRBL)
6:00 P. M. "Service Club of the Air" from Service Club No. 1 (WDAK)

SUNDAY
10:05 A. M. "Infantry Hall of Fame," Sgt. Dick Keplinger (WRBL)
6:00 P. M. "Fort Benning on the Air" (WRBL)

TUESDAY
3:15 P. M. "Women at War" Lt. Jean Rendlen interviews Fort Benning personnel (WDAK)
6:00 P. M. "Fort Benning on the Air" (WRBL)
7:30 P. M. "Parachute School on Parade" (WDAK)

WEDNESDAY
6:00 P. M. "Fort Benning on the Air" Col. Jack Meyer's Quartermaster Hour (WRBL)

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POSTAGRAMS

The President's sudden death last Thursday at nearby Warm Springs shocked Fort Benning like nothing else in the post's history. Since the place of the commander-in-chief's untimely death was less than 50 miles from Benning, it was only natural that the resources of Benning would immediately be called into action. . . . Late Thursday evening, Mrs. Roosevelt, Rear Admiral J. A. McQuinn, and Steve Early arrived at Lawson Field by plane from Washington and hurried away to Warm Springs. . . . Rear Admiral J. A. McQuinn, Sixth Naval District of Charleston, also arrived here by plane and rushed to the scene to the President's death. . . . Throughout the night key officers at the post were on the alert and making plans for the funeral procession at Warm Springs. All military activities there were under the command of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commander of the Infantry School. . . . The funeral procession was 1,600 men from the Infantry School. . . . High-ranking post officers including Gen. Walker, Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, and Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, School Troops commander. . . . Flanking the procession on both sides of the road from the gate of the Foundation to the railroad station were 500 paratroopers, officer candidates and MPs from Benning as a guard of honor which went on to Washington with the body. . . . The flag used to cover the President's casket during the trip from Warm Springs to Washington also came from the headquarters of the Infantry School. . . . More than 30,000 soldiers attended memorial services at the post in honor of the departed commander-in-chief. . . . Over 15,000 assembled in Doughboy Stadium for a joint service held by ASF, 2nd Army and Parachute School Troops. Infantry School and Lawson Field soldiers attended special services else-

where. . . . 206 combat veterans here for the TIS bond show that will tour the nation, were awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbons at impressive ceremonies last Friday. . . . School Troops held its monthly review Monday at Blue Polo Field. . . . Maj. J. A. McDonald has replaced Lt. Col. Bruce Bell as welfare and recreation officer at TPS. . . . A library art exhibit opening tonight depicts Allied aid to China in a brilliant set of murals done by a corporal in the Academic Regiment who served in CBI.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

The Atlanta Crackers are here this week for a four-game series. They won the opener Tuesday from TPS, 6-7, and played Academic Profs last night. Tonight they face the 3rd STR and tomorrow the School Troops Yets. . . . The Infantry School League opens Sunday with all eight clubs in action. Profs meet Wolves in official opener at Gowdy, 3rd PTR and 3rd STR clash in a night game at Gowdy, Phenix City meets Vets at Todd Field, and TPS opens downtown against Columbus Foxes. . . . A hot race is forecast all the way. . . . In last week's exhibition, the Vets deadlocked Birmingham Barons, 3-3, in eleven innings at Gowdy, Columbus walloped the Wolves, Profs licked 3rd PTR, and Vets defeated Columbus. . . . RC Tigers warmed up for Service League with a win over 3rd STR Panthers. . . . Capt. Sam Clegg upset Lt. Col. Bob Ives in opening round of Officers' Club tennis tourney. . . . Rules and regulations were announced for use of Russ Pool which opens May 1st. . . . Plans moved forward for a WAC Softball League to open early. . . . Harry Berchenko won 2nd Army Pool championship. . . . News was received of death in action of Al Blois, former OC here and ex-Georgetown athlete and All-American gridder. . . . And fishing was very good on various lakes around the reservation.

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FDR—A Great American!

In all the ranks of the armed forces in America and throughout the world, there is something missing that can never be replaced. But our heartfelt love for a great American will live on forever. . . . Never in the memory of men fighting for a cause, has anyone been so close to us. He was like a father who we gladly followed wherever he led. For we knew his judgment was sound. It is in an hour like this that America stands united offering all its greatness and hope for mankind. His death has shown the world that overwhelming spirit that crowns our good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. . . . The death of our great leader has joined the songs of patriotism and love for our country into one great chorus that every man, woman and child in America, and soldiers all over the world take part in. Our churches are filled to overflowing. We all pray now, for we all suffer the same in this sad hour when only God can comfort us. We are closer to one another than we have ever before because we all fight for

the same cause, and we all feel the same thing missing from our lives. . . . We know now what it means to be Americans. Our spirit has developed new life and meaning that will keep us fighting on together until the end. Fighting for the right and good he planned for the world. Fighting until the end for his ideals, gladly giving our lives, but never equalling the great price he paid. . . . Yes, he's gone now, but as we dry away our tears, we will see his untiring effort coming to life in the minds and hearts of men everywhere. . . . Perhaps he knew the great burdens that he so willingly shouldered would cost him all. But he never hesitated to stay on as his life ebbed away. Like the other brave who have died, he will never witness the world that he longed to see. But millions among the living will see his work accomplished. And those yet unborn will someday read in history books, hear on the streets, sing in their hearts, the immortal song of a great American.

BY SGT. ROBERT G. LYALL

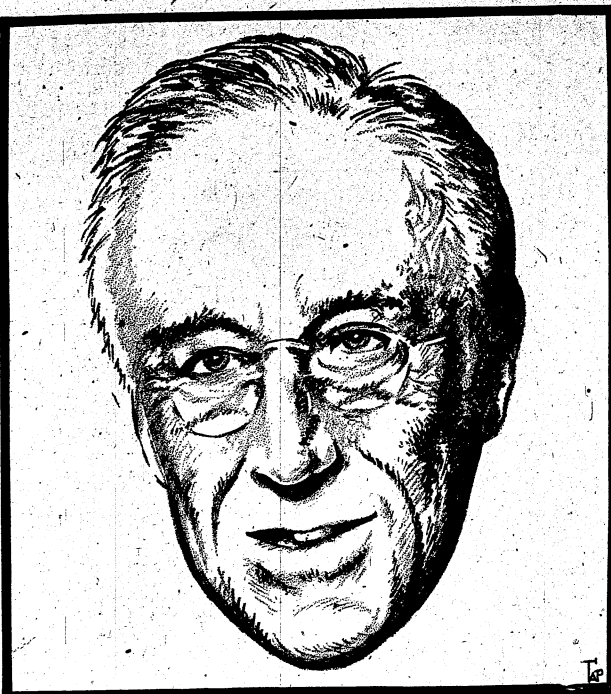
Honor For Every Man!

Never in the history of the world has the humblest man been shown the fundamental principles of democracy—and its execution—with such startling clarity as the death of President Roosevelt has revealed. . . . At the time of his death, he had reached the peak of world importance. No king of history had ever carried such burdens—nor been so loved, and certainly no man ever held as much responsibility as he has held in World War II. Yet in his hour of stress he chose a simple cottage in the hills for peace. . . . Born to wealth he has taught the common man how to appraise the finest things in life. . . . What lessons (beside statesmanship) did he teach? Two great ones. . . . First, that being a cripple or being lame, is no handicap. President Roosevelt had been a tennis player and a swimmer before his legs were paralyzed. He turned this affliction into an asset, not only for himself but for the world. Immediately he saw the vision of a foundation which should heal others. Beyond this vision was that of helping to heal the world of its social and economic ills.

What Is Our Answer?

It has become the fashion, in some quarters, to decry those who still hope for a better world. "Even if no better world were born after the war," as one writer puts it, "we should be wrong to minimize the successful prevention of a worse one." . . . We would indeed be wrong if victory at arms alone could prevent a worse world. Actually there are those who see, in victory, a historic opportunity to foist the wrong kind of world upon us. A number of recent books suggest that our present trend towards "centralized planning" and "socialization" is, in fact, a trend towards the very "totalitarianism" our boys have been fighting. If some of these planning efforts are sincere that does not make them less mistaken. Others are but poorly concealed bids for personal or party power. And there are many of us who hold no theories or goals of our own but whose apathy would permit the post-war world to take any shape it pleases. . . . "I have realized more than ever," writes a soldier, "that there was no reality not one war but two; that unless we fought and won the battle against moral anarchy, against fear and hate in men's hearts, our victory over Germany and

Japan would be a hollow mockery and unfavorable waste. . . . "And my question is this: Are nations going to slip back after this war into the suicidal path of apathy, materialism, and moral decay that has produced two wars in twenty years, eaten away the foundation of Christian civilization and turned the world into a vast slaughterhouse? Is that what my comrades have died for? Are we going back to civilian life in a land torn by industrial strife, betrayed by political expediency, disintegrated by divorce and immorality and eventually murdered by racial and class warfare? . . . "Or are we going to build a new world by restoring God to leadership in our personal and national lives? Is obedience to moral law going to be again the basis for civilization—the one authority accepted by all men and all nations? Is there going to be a rebirth in the soul of our land the passion for the Christian faith our fathers knew when they backed a nation out of the wilderness? . . . These are fair questions from a man overseas. What is our answer?



BENNING BANTER

BY "TAP" April nineteenth. . . . The date fills us with nostalgia and the memories of bygone days; our head whirls the way it does after consuming a coke, with a brunette chaser! . . . Ah, yes, this day is indeed one to conjure thoughts of the past, especially for New Englanders—and Bostonians. . . . You don't have to be a horse racing fan to recall that this was the date of Paul Revere's ride, the greatest jockey in history! . . . And do you know what Revere said when he reached the end of his rugged route? "Whoo!" . . . The face of the British weren't red—but their coats were! . . . Just think, if radio had been invented in those times, Paul's horse wouldn't have had to take the "swing shift" that fateful night. . . . But enough of these historical facts; we shall now become hysterical. . . . April 19 has annually marked the running of the famous Boston Athletic Association's Marathon, a 26-mile foot-race that has been won by some of the world's most renowned plodders. . . . Why a hundred or more men would decide to gallop this distance, seeking mere glory—and a plate of ice cream—at the finish line, has been beyond the comprehension of even sports scribes. . . . However, the Marathon was a spectacle worth witnessing, a classic that almost corresponded with England's Grand National Steeplechase, in which nags, without horse sense, canter four-and-one-half miles over terrific barriers. . . . The chief obstacles in the road race were bunions contracted enroute, a few hills near the breasted, and the event always was given eight-column banners in the press, and the Fourth Estaters were themselves out following the weary runners—in autos. . . . We remember covering this dizzy debate one year, and were so exhausted watching the panting athletes that our drawing board developed a "charley horse." . . . April 19, too, was a holiday when the most rabid among the skiing enthusiasts ventured into Tuckerman Ravine, a vast snow-bowl half-way up Mt. Washington, a giant saucer overflowing with hundreds of feet of the heavenly tapica. . . . Ah, to live again! . . . Speaking of the Marathon, after the war there should be entrants aplenty for this grind, the aspirants gleaned from the ranks of returned Infantrymen, 16 whom 26 miles is a breeze. . . . All of which reminds us of the story of the rookie on his first long march. . . . For miles and miles, his outfit, hiked, with full field packs and equipment. The chap was really tired; his feet felt like baskets filled with hot coals, and he dripped perspiration. . . . "Will we ever get back to the barracks?" he muttered. . . . That evening, an exhausted GI tumbled happily out of his fatigues, took a shower, ate chow, and—fell into his bunk. . . . You're wrong. The soldier dressed, called for his date in

Infantry School Roll of Honor

Medal of Honor

2nd Lieut. Almond E. Fisher, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was commissioned at The Infantry School July 22, 1944, has been awarded the Medal of Honor for action last September 12-13, when, despite painful wounds in both feet, he singlehandedly eliminated four machinegun emplacements in the advance of his platoon near Grammont, France, the War Department has announced. . . . The medal will be presented to Lieutenant Fisher in the European Theater where he has recovered from his wounds and is again leading his unit in combat. . . . Following is the official citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on the night of September 12-13, 1944, near Grammont, France, in the darkness of early morning, Lieutenant Fisher was leading a platoon of Company E, 157th Infantry, in single column to the attack of a strongly defended hill position. At 2:30 a. m., the forward elements were brought under enemy machinegun fire from a distance of not more than 20 yards. Working his way alone to within 20 feet of the gun emplacement, he opened fire with his carbine and killed the entire crew. . . . A few minutes after the advance was resumed, heavy machinegun fire was encountered from the left flank. Again crawling alone under withering fire, he blasted the gun and crew from their positions with hand grenades. After a halt to replenish ammunition, the advance was again resumed and continued for one hour before being stopped by intense machinegun and rifle fire. Through the courage and skillful leadership of Lieutenant Fisher, the pocket of enemy resistance was rapidly obliterated. . . . Spotting an emplaced machinegun a short time later, with one of his men he moved forward and destroyed the position. As the advance continued the fire fight became more intense. When a by-foxhole and attempted to tear an M-1 rifle from the hands of one of his men, Lieutenant Fisher whirled and killed the enemy with a burst from his carbine. About 30 minutes later the platoon came under the heavy enemy fire of machineguns from across an open field. Lieutenant Fisher, disregarding the terrific fire, moved across the field with no cover of concealment to within range, knocked the gun from the position and killed the crew. . . . "Still under heavy fire he returned to his platoon and continued the advance. Once again heavy fire was encountered from a machinegun directly in front. Calling for hand grenades, he found only two remaining in the entire platoon. Pulling the pins and carrying a grenade in each hand he crawled toward the gun emplacement, moving across areas devoid of cover and under intense fire to within 15 yards when he threw the grenades, demolished the gun and killed the gun crew. . . . With ammunition low and day breaking near, he ordered his men to dig in and hold the ground already won. Under constant fire from the front and from both flanks, he proceeded to fidget-bug until midnight! . . . No wonder the Nazis are running!

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAP. WALTER LAETSCH

The other day I was walking down the street and I happened to see two trucks where the freight from one was being transferred to the other. As I watched the unloading, I noticed that the one truck which was losing its load was tipped to one side and had a wheel gone. Being curious and we all are, I asked, "Had a wreck?" They were not too eager to reply, but one finally said, "No, just a break-down."

Does it not occur to you that there might be a difference between a wreck and a break-down? A break-down occurs within the thing itself; a wreck may be caused from outside forces. Take for instance cars, chairs, wagons, tractors, jeeps, planes, as well as business, banks, armies, health and mind, give way. . . . Why do things break-a-down? There is a weakness somewhere. There are many constant guards against break-down. Business has checks, banks have examiners; railroads have a force of inspectors; phone companies keep line-men. This inspection and repair of minor defects is very desirable for, if a thing breaks down, it is useless for a time, and the worth which it was doing must be done elsewhere. . . . If this is true of material things how important and true of human beings. The thing to be watched is character. Character is subtle, it is strain, and there are serious moral as well as physical break-downs among soldiers as well as civilians. . . . The break-down may not be entirely valueless, but they become useless to society and the Army, and any work which they can do must be taken over by someone else until their character is strengthened. . . . I have known many men who seemed altogether broken-down because of inward forces not because of outside forces. Moral break-down, we call it because they have permitted habits to form so that when temptations came their moral fiber collapsed. No one but Christ, Son of God, can restore such characters to spiritual health. . . . If we were as mindful of our characters as we are of our rolling stock, examining and correcting as thoroughly as their managers, there would be no danger of moral and spiritual break-down. . . . When a tie gets bad beneath the rails, it is replaced; if a rail gets weak, it is replaced. We sometimes think that one bad habit does not matter, but character gives way in the same manner as do rails, ties and rolling stock—a weakness, a moral flaw, meets with heavy temptation and there is a break-down. . . . How important then to guard against this collapse. We need to place our lives and souls in God's keeping. . . . moved among them directing the preparations for the defense. Shortly after the ammunition supply was replenished, the Germans launched a last determined effort against the depleted group. . . . "Attacked by superior numbers from the front, right, and left flanks, and even from the rear, the platoon, in bitter hand-to-hand engagements broke back the enemy at every point. Wounded in both feet by close-range machinegun fire early in the battle, Lieutenant Fisher refused medical attention. Unable to walk, he crawled from man to man encouraging them and checking each position. Only after the fighting had subsided did Lieutenant Fisher crawl 300 yards to the aid station, from which he was evacuated. His extraordinary heroism, magnificent valor, and aggressive determination in the face of point-blank enemy fire is an inspiration to the organization and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces.

G.I. WIFE

Much is said and written about the patriotic women who join the WAVES and the WAVES and other organizations in which American women have enrolled to demonstrate their belief that this is too, a woman's war. We are as filled with admiration for them as we are for those women enrolled in industry or operating farms to keep the food supply rolling forward while American men are absent from their fields. . . . Without detracting from the importance of what these women are doing or their spirit as they do it, The Bayonet salutes the Army wife who has followed her husband to his place of training. . . . We admire her anxiety to share his life, frequently under most trying domestic living conditions. We admire her willingness to put up with this, sacrifice that, and to make the necessary adjustments. . . . For the role of Army wife, especially for the younger women, does not stop with adjustment to new environment and altered conditions of living. It requires a devotion to the service which may be quite new to the younger married women. It demands an acceptance of responsibility which may also be new. It requires a different attitude regarding people than is customary in pre-war days. It may mean loneliness, boredom, spiritual lackluster, even fury as former standards, purposes, ideals, are ruthlessly battered and destroyed by change and war conditions. . . . The role of Army wife must also carry a foreboding of the day when her husband will leave his camp and not be able to take her with him. It imposes the question—Where will I go then—for how long. . . . In drawing the attention of its readers to the Army wife, The Bayonet salutes her, and also welcomes her presence in this military community. She is an important moral factor in the life of her man and in the lives of other soldiers who are fortunate enough to share her presence. It goes without saying that where a man's wife is there is his home. We believe there are hundreds of Fort Benning soldiers who are doing a better job of training, or of being trained, because of the presence of their Army wives. . . . To the younger Army wives, we respectfully call attention to the tradition and esprit de corps of the older women of the service. Some have been born to Army life, others have adopted it. Many have been troopers, almost as in the old days of the theater, moving from post to post, making friends, only to lose them by change of station, settling their families only to have them suddenly uprooted. . . . Not your life, eh? Well, perhaps not. But in these women you will find a real devotion to the service, a willingness to accept the changes and responsibilities which Army life imposes, and an attitude toward Army living which will dispose of your boredom and your loneliness, and your depressing "remembrance of things past" if you have brought it with you from your comfortable, familiar and secure civilian home. . . . We hope that you are already exposed to, or soon will be exposed to, the older Army women, and all of you, we bow with respect!

To supplement the aid and information that younger Army wives may obtain from the older women, the Bayonet will devote this column in the future to conducting a question-and-answer forum on all problems of vital interest to any and all Army wives. Please address any questions you may have on any Army problem to: GI Wife, Public Relations Office, Post Headquarters, Fort Benning. The first series of questions and answers will appear in next week's column. Watch for it!

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G.I. HUMOR

A young lady with a bad case of hay fever prepared to attend a formal dinner and tucked a spare handkerchief in the bosom of her gown. In the midst of the dinner she had need for the extra hanky and hunted in vain for it. She noticed that the other guests were fascinated by her search, and in confusion she said, "I'm sure I had two when I came in." . . . Nothing helps a girl's popularity so much as being easy on the "Aye." . . . They should issue girdles for rumors—the way they spread. . . . The average man has a vocabulary of 12,000 words—that is, until he trips over a foot locker; then he just ad libs. . . . T-Sgt. "Did you know, dear, that the biggest idiot usually marries the prettiest woman?" Wife: "It's high time you were paying me a compliment."

American: "New York is a wonderful city. You can stand on top of the Empire State Building and see all of it." Frenchman: "You can stand on top of the Eiffel Tower and see all of Paris." German: "That's nothing! You can see all of Berlin these days by standing on a chair." . . . "Of course I wouldn't say anything about her unless I could say something good. And, boy, is this good." . . . "I'm going to call the mess sergeant." . . . Then there was the Red Cross worker on a remote Pacific island who called the Army command to report a disease peculiar to the tropics. . . . "We have a case of beri-beri here. What shall we do?" Came the answer—"Give it to the Seabees. They'll drink anything."

An old Ozark hermit died recently when he wandered out of the woods and saw an automobile for the first time. He didn't see it soon enough.

This Kkakid World

When T-4 Harry Berchenko, 4th H. Q. Special Troops, Second Army (I generally just say Second Army and let it go at that, as the other way takes up so much typing effort—but this week we gotta fill space) came in earlier than usual Tuesday from Columbus, he admitted he had gotten up a earlier than usual. . . . Of him it appears that he had a very realistic dream. He dreamed he heard an alarm clock. Leaped from bed, shut off alarm, rushed about his shaving and dressing—and then took the time to look at his watch only to discover it was exactly two a. m. . . . Joe Infelise of POW camp chews his mouth old baby is smoking a cigar and cutting teeth on beer bottle caps. Wot? You mean he doesn't drink the beer? . . . Pfc. Sims discovered it doesn't pay to be slow on making up your mind on sitting down in a GI barbershop. He went in the other day and started trying to figure

out how he wanted it cut and before he even half way made up his mind—it was. And all the way off. . . . The change of uniform in School Troops, The Infantry School, from O.D.s to summer khakis produced the usual incidents of G.I. tailoring, one which S-Sgt. Andrew Gordian, first cook of 3rd Company, may have cause to remember every time he sees a needle and thread—S-Sgt. Frank E. Mallory, mess sergeant. . . . The other day Gordian asked Mallory to sew a shoulder strap on his shirt. Gordian donned the shirt to enable Mallory to maintain the right angle of the insignia on his sleeve while he sewed. After the job was done, he unbuckled his shirt to shave, but on attempting to remove it, discovered that Mallory had not only sewn the patch to his shirt, he had mistakenly sewn the shirt to the sleeve of his "T" shirt as well.

FDR Memorial Services Draw 30,000 At Post

More than 30,000 soldiers, their families and civilian neighbors from Columbus and Phenix City joined in reverential Memorial Services at Fort Benning Sunday, paying tribute to the late President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed services, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

At the largest mass service on the Post, some 15,000 persons crowded Doughboy Stadium in solemn tribute to the wartime President who visited Fort Benning about two years ago. Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, the post commander, read the War Department's General Order No. 29, with the official Proclamation of Mourning for the President.

An estimated 15,000 military personnel of The Infantry School and hundreds of members of their families and other civilians attended memorial services for President Roosevelt at six other locations on the Main Post and in Harmony Church.

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commander of The Infantry School, attended the services with his staff at Gordon Field (Capt.) Peter E. Spehr spoke before 4,000 members of the First Student Training Regiment.

Troops from The Parachute School, Second Army Troops, Lawson Field, and the Army Service Forces, including the Reception Center, massed at the services in Doughboy Stadium.

After reading the Proclamation of Mourning at Doughboy Stadium, General Hobson said: "The death of President Roosevelt in this world was one of the most beloved and admired men in the world—one who walked with kings and yet lost not the 'common touch'."

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Proclamation of Mourning Delivered By Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Hobson

PROCLAMATION

At this time, as the commanding general of the great military post of Fort Benning, Georgia, I shall read to you General Order No. 29, War Department, Washington, 13 April 1945. It was published by order of the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War as a proclamation:

"It is my duty as Secretary of War to announce to the Army the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, which occurred at Warm Springs, Georgia, at 1635 hours, 12 April 1945. The Army is deeply grieved at the untimely death of our Commander-in-Chief. He prepared us to meet the savage onslaught of our enemies, and he led us through the bitterness of our overwhelming odds, his abiding faith in the final triumph of democratic ideals, and his clear vision of the paths to be followed were a source of constant inspiration. He gave the army unstintingly of his strength and wisdom, and his unremitting labors hastened his death. Although he leaves us while there is still much hard fighting ahead, the ultimate victory has been fashioned by his heart and spirit. Memorial services shall be held on the day of the funeral 15 April at all posts, camps, and stations, with operations permitting, at which time this order will be read. The former Vice-President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, has taken the oath of office and assumed the duty of President in accordance with the provisions of the constitution."

REMARKS

I have just read the official proclamation of mourning of the War Department. Now for just a few words of tribute of our own to our late Commander-in-Chief. I speak on this day of mourning from the depths of my heart—and I know that all of you join me in my thoughts.

The death of President Roosevelt in some way touches deeply the emotions of every man, woman and child, assembled today at Fort Benning in Doughboy Stadium. He was one of the most beloved and admired men in the world—one who "walked with kings" and yet lost not the "common touch." Although he bore the honor of our Commander-in-Chief, he called and regarded us as his "Friends." Our mourning today therefore is that of deepest grief for a dear friend who has passed forever from the vision of our eyes, yet never will he lose his exalted place in history nor in the heart of Fort Benning.

Let us then make this dedication our tribute to our leader, cherished friend, and truly great neighbor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, of the near-by Little White House at Warm Springs, and to the noble ideals for which he lived, suffered so valiantly and died!

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The three faiths participated in the program at Doughboy Stadium. Chaplain Paul K. Buckles,



DELIVERING the War Department official proclamation of mourning to troops at Fort Benning, Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, is shown as he stood bareheaded at the speaker's rostrum in Doughboy Stadium Sunday morning during the huge memorial service attended by more than 15,000. (Signal Corps Photo.)

Post Chaplain, delivered a brief eulogy on the late President during the service. He observed: "His death is a great loss to us individually—but what a loss it is to all of the freedom-loving people of the world. Here was a man whose heart was with the downtrodden and the oppressed of the earth. He was the great champion of the common man, and the rights of man."

Chaplain Brian Keany, assistant Post Chaplain, Catholic, delivered the invocation and Lord's Prayer in Doughboy Stadium and Chaplain Henry B. Varner, of Second Army Troops, read the "Twenty-third Psalm" at Chaplain Chester L. Hunt, of The Parachute School, rendered the benediction. The famed Reception Center Quartet rendered three hymns, "God of Our Fathers," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," and "Lead, Kindly Light." The 334th A.S.F. Band of the Reception Center played the Funeral March by Chopin as the service opened and the Funeral March by Beethoven concluded the service.

Two Color Guards

Drawn up before the speakers' platform in Doughboy Stadium were two color guards, one from Headquarters Detachment, Section Headquarters Complement, commanded by Capt. Samuel Lowry, and the other from the Reception Center.

Five members of the 334th A.S.F. Band sounded "Taps" at the conclusion of the service while the crowd stood at attention, heads bared in the sun. The men who sounded the call were Staff Sgt. Horace Jackson, T-5 Archie Clark, T-5 Richard Johnson, Pfc. Frank Jackson and Pvt. Moddie Swanigan.

Among those on the speakers' platform were representatives of the National Conference for Christians and Jews who are currently visiting the post. They were Dr. William Ryan, secretary of the NCCJ; Dr. Arthur Cowley of Cin-

FDR Visited Post In 1943



THE LATE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF is shown during his 1943 visit to Fort Benning. At left of former President is Brig. Gen. George P. Howell, then commandant of TFS, and Gov. Ellis Arnall, of Georgia. At the right are Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fullton, then post commander, and Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen, then commandant of TIS. (Parachute School Photo.)

Eulogy—Franklin D. Roosevelt (Delivered By Post Chaplain Paul K. Buckles)

We were shocked and grieved when we learned of the passing of our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The voice that for twelve years had spoken to America and to the world was stilled. His passing came as stark, unbearable tragedy to the people he had led through twelve of the most critical years in the nation's history and in the history of the world.

Twelve years ago he entered the White House as the Nation's Chief Executive. Even that day there were grave burdens for him to assume. As he assumed those burdens he spoke to the heart of America, saying, "THERE IS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF EXCEPT FEAR." It was with that indomitable courage and unflinching faith he led his people out of the days of the depression.

It is difficult to realize that this great American is gone. The man who guided the nation through the crisis of economic chaos and led her forth into all of her history, guiding her self for a mighty two-front war and now he is gone, in his firestorm chats, his words were right to me. And this is true for President Roosevelt had that innate genius that allowed him to become the common denominator in which all his fellow citizens found unity, not unity of politics for many differed with him, not unity of economic principles, for many assumed the American prerogative of opposing his economic ideas—but a unity of recognition that there was a great human being whose struggles had made him triumphant over personal adversity.

Like Cardinal Richelieu, of President Roosevelt it could be said, "He never recognized adversity, he just made use of it." His superhuman attempt to adjust his own adversity that came upon him so late in life gave us an exam-

ple of courage in adversity and optimism in times of doubt that each one of us can take to heart—that quality of charm, that genius for friendliness that courage in times that might make others despair, writes his name high above Abou Ben Adhem's golden book, as those who loved as well as inspired their fellowmen.

In the years to come, men will erect their monuments to him, but there is a more enduring monument even now in the hearts of men that will be passed from one generation to another, while marble crumbles into dust and metal corrodes away.

He died, I think, as he would have had it, aligned with his great tasks, the winning of the War and the accomplishment of a just, enduring and abiding peace. Here in the South, at Warm Springs, Georgia, where he struggled in other days to regain the strength of body he had lost, here in the South he loved he breathed his last and went out to be at home with God.

His body will sleep in the North, close to the mighty Hudson, near the ancestral estate where he was born, but as one of the great Americans and one of the greatest men of all times, loved and revered he will live in the hearts of the American people, in the North, the South, the East, the West and in the hearts of those all over the world who believe in democratic freedom, in the rights of men to live free and unfettered lives.

As we mourn the passing of this great leader, now, we lift our heads that are bowed and pledge our lives and our all toward the finishing of the task for which he and so many others have given their lives. The task of winning the War and establishing in this world a just and lasting peace.

"Mark well where he fell and the way he fell, heedless of cost in his stern advance, Mark with the scroll of his noble deeds, placed with his lance and broken shield, Fallen with vanguards of the brave, firm in the face of the final chance, A leader has followed where heroes led, a soldier has fallen upon the field."

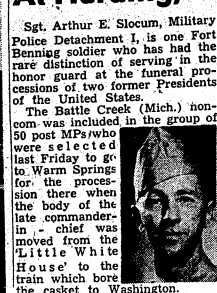
And write above his name so all may read the words that another ascribed to himself, and can be so fittingly applied to him,

I have fought a good fight
I have kept the faith!

ment heard Chaplain (1st Lt.) Ura A. Brogden compare the circumstances following the death of President Roosevelt to those in the Book of Isaiah. The Prophet Isaiah went into the temple to meditate on the death of his King who had passed away after a long and successful reign, and while meditating Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord.

"The great thing that could happen to us today would be for us to again see a vision of the Lord, to inspire us to make real the great ideals of our great Commander-in-Chief who worked for a more just, righteous and peaceful world," the chaplain concluded and the Academic Depart-

MP Served In Honor Guard At Harding, FDR Funerals



Sgt. Arthur E. Slocum, Military Police Detachment 1, is one Fort Benning soldier who has had the rare distinction of serving in the honor guard at the funeral processions of two former Presidents of the United States.

The Battle Creek (Mich.) non-com was included in the group of 50 post MPs who were selected last Friday to go to Warm Springs for the procession there when the body of the late commander-in-chief was moved from the Little White House to the train which bore the casket to Washington.

He was also in the mounted honor guard in 1923 which accompanied the body of Warren G. Harding from the Capital to Union Station in Washington for shipment to the burial place in Warren, Ohio.

At that time, Sgt. Slocum was a member of Headquarters Troop 3rd U. S. Cavalry, which was stationed at near-by Fort Myers, Va. Major Jonathan K. Wainwright, later the hero of Bataan as a lieutenant general, was Slocum's

squadron commander at that time. Slocum had enlisted in the service only a few months before Harding's death in San Francisco in 1923. He had just finished recruit training and was one of a picked group selected to ride in the mounted honor guard from the Capitol. The post MP left the service in 1929 after serving two hitched, but returned in 1942 a few months after the present conflict began. He served at Camp Gordon, Ga., with the 692nd Tank Destroyers, and arrived at Fort Benning about a year ago.

WINDOW WASHER BLOWN OFF 7-STORY WINDOW SILL

NEW YORK, N. Y. (APNS) When a sycamore still exploded here, it blew a window washer off of a seventh story window sill and he was killed by the fall. Police said the worker, Daniel Doherty, didn't have his safety straps fastened.

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Around The Circuit

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN

SCHOOL TROOPS VETS

Lee Lodge gave a great exhibition of shortstopping the other night against the Rifles. He twice went behind second base to knock down ground balls and get his man at first base. . . . Ed DeVolder looked very impressive in two outings during the past week. . . . Gee Gekoski's catch in center field off Jerry Liebowitz last Sunday will do until a better one is made. . . . Nice to have a man like Gekoski around; he can do so many things, and all well. . . . Dick Weber has been hitting as well as turning in a bang up job around second base. . . . Mel Craghead retired the first nine Wolves in order. . . . That's par for the course in any league.

3RD STR RIFLES

In two appearances on Gowdy Field, the Rifles have clicked off six double plays. . . . Opposing base runners had better be on their toes when Clement, Bekel and Liebowitz start making a double play. . . . They really get rid of that ball. . . . The Rifles need more hitting. . . . Clyde Mourfield's triple against the Vets was a well-hit ball. . . . Schoettie is going to be a handy man for Manager Clement once the season gets started.

ACADEMIC PROFS

Eddie Benecina has been hitting well this season. . . . Pat Hallford clouted the first home run of the year at Gowdy Field—an inside-the-park drive which went to deep center field. . . . Udel Bunce, who is playing his first season with the Profs, hits a ball very hard. . . . He has the size to clout a few out of the park, and probably will. . . . Goo Lybrand, second baseman, got on base five times the other night against the 3d PTR, which is good going for a leadoff man.

PARACHUTE SCHOOL

Manager Roy Weatherly has decided to take over the left field slot. . . . Al Tate's first and long awaited appearance on Gowdy Field was worth waiting for; he fanned four batters in two innings. . . . As soon as Weatherly tightens his defense, the Troopers are going to have something to say about who will win the first-half pennant. . . . The fans will never go to sleep with O'Krutny behind the plate. . . . One can hear him talking it up all over the park.

3D PTR REDS

Skipper George Hudson is still on the lookout for some hitters. . . . He can use some more pitching, too. . . . Wisniewski has the makings of a good catcher. . . . Millsap, who has been playing third base, has a good throwing arm. . . . Drom, the cleanup man, had a bad night against the Profs, going down three times on strikes. . . . Ivy, the leadoff man, drew four walks against the Profs and singled the other time he came to bat.

COLUMBUS FOXES

"Lefty" Gusel appears to be the answer to Manager Earl Bowden's question: "Where can I find another pitcher?" . . . Guinn, who formerly played for Greenville in the Sally League, played third base Sunday against the 1st STR Wolves. . . . Bobby Bridges is one of the best batters in the league. . . . Big John Wright, first baseman, really teed off on one pitch Sunday, clouting a triple almost to the fence in Golden Park.

PHENIX CITY TIGERS

More hitters is what Manager George Carmack is looking for. . . . Burtz Tomlin has about recovered from a shoulder injury and is ready to resume catching. . . . "Slick" Waites, Joe Giglio and Earl Carmack have been sharing the mound work. . . . The Tigers downed Bibb Mig, 11-8, Sunday. . . . Leon Hillyer, the third sacker is a high school lad who also plays for Central High. . . . Centerfielder Milt Franklin spent the last two seasons with the Wolves. . . . The Tigers are the first municipal team in Phenix City's history.

1ST STR WOLVES

Bob Montag, veteran outfielder, who was injured in an exhibition game two weeks ago, is expected to be back in the lineup for the opening league game. . . . Paul Farquiss is shaping up as a good pitching prospect. . . . Bill Shiver has been more than holding his end up at shortstop.

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OPENING GAMES

Academic Regt. Profs vs. 1st STR Wolves, Gowdy Field (2:30)

School Troops Vets vs. Phenix City Tigers, Todd Field (2:30)

Parachute School vs. Columbus Foxes, Golden Park in Columbus (2:30)

3rd P. T. R. Reds vs. 3rd STR Rifles, Gowdy Field (7:30)

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School; Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander; Col. Brookner W. Brady, commanding officer of the Academic Regiment and Col. J. Trimble Brown, commanding officer, 1st Student Training Regiment, will participate in the opening ceremony at Gowdy Field. The 98th A. G. F. band will play.

Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, Commanding General, School Troops of The Infantry School, will throw out the first ball at Todd Field, with Col. Edward P. Passalunghi and Col. John S. Moore, commanding officers of the 1st and 2nd Detachments, School Troops, respectively, taking part. Music will be furnished by the 287th A. G. F. band.

MAYOR TO TOSS

At Golden Park, Mayor Sterling Albrecht and Brig. Gen. Ridgely Galtner, Commanding General of The Parachute School, have been invited to take part in the opening ceremony.

The official opening at Phenix City is scheduled for 2:30 p. m. An official program is also being arranged for this opener.

Newcomers to the league this year are the School Troops Vets, 3rd PTR Reds, Columbus Foxes and Phenix City Tigers.

NEW MANAGERS

Every team in the league has a new manager. Carl Reischling is handling the Profs; Paul Derrickson has replaced George Simmons at the 1st STR; Roy Weatherly has taken over where Mike Hogan held forth at The Parachute School and Larry Clement has taken over Art Shively's berth at the 3rd STR. George Hudson will manage the 3rd PTR Reds; Earl Bowden, the Foxes; George Carmack, Phenix City and Mel Craghead, the Vets.

The new players are too numerous to catalogue; however, there are enough of them to bring the league up to a par with other seasons, and before the season is very old, it might be better than the past.

SHIFTING LINEUPS

All eight teams have played several practice games. Practice games proved their worth to managers who shifted their lineups faster than the wind.

They were scheduled by managers to find out what they had in the line of material—and proved their worth.

Picking a winner in any league is a difficult task. It's more difficult in this league, especially with so many new teams and faces.

WACademics Honored For Court Record

For providing "first-class sports entertainment for military personnel and civilians in nearby communities," members of the WACademics basketball team were awarded letters of commendation by Col. Brockner W. Brady, commanding officer of the Academic Regiment, at the second anniversary party of WAC Detachment One, Infantry School, held at the Cherokee Lodge last Tuesday night.

A display of excellent sportsmanship contributed much to the prestige of this command," each player's letter reads. "The WACademics were undefeated in seven games with the five best teams in the Columbus Infantry Women's League. As a result, the Columbus helpes posted its eight-team resources into one All-STR team for the specific purpose of playing three-quarter games with your team. Again the WACademics emerged victorious."

PLAYED STATE CHAMPIONS

"These contests, along with significant victories over WAC Detachments of Camp Rucker, Moody Field, Lawson general Hospital and Cochran Field, and two fine exhibitions with the Atlanta Sports Arena team (Georgia State champions), resulted in the WACademics being invited to participate both in the Southeastern and National AAU tournaments."

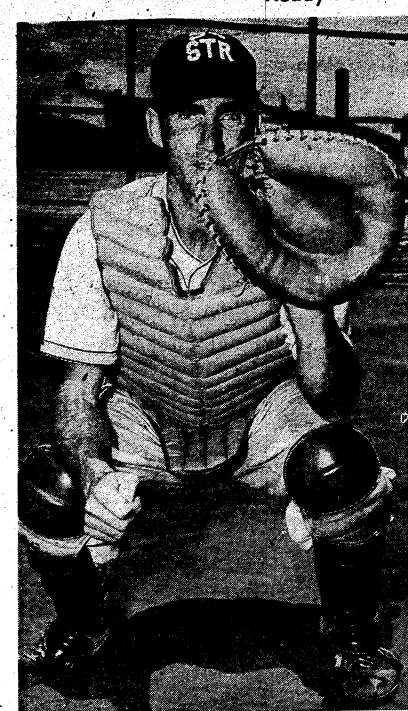
"More significant, the team, through its excellent and clean play provided a first-class sports entertainment for the military personnel of several garrisons and the civilians of nearby communities. The WACademics fostered good relations between the City of Columbus and Fort Benning."

FISCHLIN HONORED

Sgt. Mary Fischlin, WACademics player-coach and women's 1937 All-America forward, was further commended by her letter because she "not only organized a successful team around a cadre of veteran athletes, but encouraged newcomers to the sport."

teaching them and giving them every opportunity to play alongside seasoned players. . . . Miniature gold basketballs will also be awarded to the team soon, the Colonel announced.

WACademics honored were: First Sergeant Mary Brooks, Sergeant Ethel M. Drake, Ollie R. Hyton, Olga B. Hussa, and Fischlin; Ora S. Durey, Mary M. Foster, Virginia L. Curry, Beulah E. Hall, Ruby Preston, Elizabeth V. Sidlauskas, and Pte. Agnes L. Coomes.



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Clegg Scores Upset Win In Tennis Match

A surprising upset marked the opening round of play in the Spring Tennis Tourney at Fort Benning over the past weekend when Capt. Sam E. Clegg, a favorite, eliminated Lt. Col. Robert M. Ives, one of the dark horses.

It was a hard-fought first-round match but after more than two hours of superior tennis, Capt. Clegg was returned the victor by score of 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

FAVORITES ADVANCE

Most of the other first-round battles were expected with the top-seeded players winning their matches. Col. James H. Drake, Maj. Thomas Monico, Lt. William Bagby, and Lt. Frances Draves all advanced into the second round.

Draves' victory especially caught the attention of the crowd as the 2nd PTR officer displayed a well-rounded repertoire of hard, accurate shots that earned plenty of applause from the spectators. His victory placed him as one of the top favorites for the singles crown.

BOY'S SINGLES

Play in the boy's singles entered the quarter-final round with Mac Laetsch showing top form as he defeated Ed Futch, 6-2, 6-2.

Matches in the women's doubles mixed doubles, and men's doubles will begin this weekend with the finals set for Sunday, April 29.

Summary: The boys' singles: Lt. William Bagby defeated Maj. Wortham Warren, 6-1, 6-2. Capt. Sam Clegg defeated Col. Robert M. Ives, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Lt. Frances Draves defeated Capt. Carl E. Laetsch, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Lt. William Bagby won from Lt. R. L. Gross by default. Lt. Laetsch won from Capt. Wm. Thompson by default. Capt. John Nunn won from Pte. Peterson by default. Boy's Singles: Mac Laetsch defeated Tom Woodbury, 6-2, 6-4.

Athlete Al Blozis, Former OC Here, Killed In Action

Big Al Blozis, commissioned second lieutenant in the 3rd STR last November and whose grenade hurling feats while in OCS have become almost legend, was killed in action in the Vosges mountains in France on January 29, his family learned last week.

Blozis established his first world record while still in high school when he heaved the 12-pound shot 60 feet, six inches. In 1941, he established a world indoor record for the 16-pound shot with a toss of 57 feet, 3-4 inches.

Blozis, six feet, six inches, 245 pounds, held the world indoor record for eight, 12 and 16 pound shot putting, and the National AAU indoor and outdoor shotput championship, was an All-American tackle while playing with Georgetown in 1941, and was chosen All-Pro League tackle while with the New York Giants grid team.

While in OCS here, Blozis threw a grenade 94 yards, two feet, six and one-half inches, for what is at present considered a record. Previous best had been 89 yards.

RC Tigers top Panthers, 8-3, In Exhibition

BY SGT. N. H. BRONNER

Making six hits which assisted by two enemy errors produced eight runs, the Reception Center Tigers defeated the 3rd STR Panthers in a pre-season game by a score of 8 to 3 last Wednesday at Gowdy Field.

The Panthers matched the Tigers in base hits with six apiece but three Tiger hurlers, James C. Brown, Thad Ranson and Robert Sharp scattered the Panthers' hits so well that after the second inning they were held scoreless.

PANTHERS BID

The 3rd STR nine made an early bid for victory, crossed the plate first with one run in the opening stanza and lead by a 3 to 0 score at the end of the second inning.

The Tigers tallied with 2 runs in the third inning, went ahead with three runs in the fourth, got more in the fifth and put the game on ice with one run in the last half of the sixth inning.

There were thirteen strike-outs in the game. The R C mound corps struck out eight players while Heard, Panther hurler who went the route for his team, set five men down via the strike-out method.

Pre-season performance was evident in the opening phases of the game as both teams made three errors. The Tigers settled down from the third inning on to play brilliant ball especially by the infielders.

The Panther infield dropped two easy pop fly balls that aided in their defeat.

Hits for the Tigers were garnered by Oliver (2), Crosby, Lamar (2) and Chestern. Newton, Lane (2), Martin and Eli of the Panther team hit safely.

Rules For Use Of Russ Pool Are Announced

Rules and regulations regarding the use of Russ Pool during the forthcoming season by personnel other than enlisted men and WACS were revealed this week by Capt. Daniel C. Herlong, post athletic officer.

The following rules of admission will apply:

a. ENLISTED MEN: A soldier's uniform or fatigue outfit will be his card of admission.

b. ENLISTED WAC: Prescribed WAC uniform will be card of admission. However, if the WAC wears slacks or other type of beach apparel to the pool, they must also have dog-tags to identify them as military personnel.

c. WIVES AND CHILDREN OF ENLISTED MEN: All members of the family must have an individual pass, complete with picture on the back. Passes may be obtained at the Post Athletic Office starting Tuesday of next week. All of the applications must be signed by the enlisted man who desires them for members of his family; therefore it is preferable that the enlisted man himself come to the office for the passes. Each application must be accompanied by a picture (no larger than 3"x5") of the wife or child for whom the pass is desired. There will be no charge.

d. CIVILIANS RESIDING ON POST: Application of said civilians must be signed by the head of the activity where the civilian works certifying that said civilian works and resides on the post. These applications also must be accompanied by a photograph. There will be no charge for the pass.

e. CIVILIANS RESIDING OFF POST AND NOT MEMBERS OF AN ENLISTED MAN'S FAMILY: These persons are not entitled to permanent passes to Russ Pool. However, they may use the pool occasionally as the guest of an enlisted man or enlisted WAC. In such instances, the enlisted person must apply for the guest pass at the athletic office. The guest pass will cover a three-day period. No photograph will be necessary with the temporary passes. There will be no charge.

Meet Vets On Friday In Windup Of Series

The 3d STR Rifles will meet the Atlanta Crackers under the lights at Gowdy Field at 7:30 tonight and the Cuyler men will conclude their four-day visit to the Post tomorrow night when they tangle with the School Troops Vets also on Gowdy Field, starting at 7:30.

Joe Schoettie, a lanky-left-hander, most likely will get the mound assignment for the Rifles. Schoettie showed up well in two Gowdy Field appearances, and should provide the Cuyler-managed outfit with plenty of trouble.

Jim Shirley, center - fielder; Manager Larry Clement and Clyde Mourfield are expected to carry the brunt of the Rifles' batting attack.

Liebowitz, Bekel and Rogers will team with Clement in the infield and Brennan and McNulty will flank Shirley in the outfield.

BENDER MAY HURL

Mel Craghead, School Troop pilot, was over in Greenville, Ala., at the time this war written, and consequently we have no idea of who he will pitch tomorrow. However, George Bender, Ed DeVolder and Andy Kostek are available and ready to go.

Craghead more than likely will start his regular lineup, which will mean Gekoski will be behind the plate; the infield will have Kittredge, first base; Weber, second-base; Ghiglieri, shortstop, and Parento, third base. The outfield will find Ferm, right center, center, and Grant in left.

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Tigers vs. 1st STR In Exhibition Tilt

At 5:30 p. m. today, the Reception Center Tigers will play the 1st STR Blues in a pre-season baseball game on Watson Field in the Reception Center Area.

As announced by Captain Nor-

man W. Trueblood appropriate exercises will be conducted at this first pre-season game to be played on Watson Field since it was remodeled.

Thomas J. Brown, Captain of the Tigers stated that he hoped that more of the newcomers on the team will get their first chance to perform in the pre-season games.

Barons, Vets Battle To Tie

The Birmingham Barons and School Troops Vets battled to a 3-3 tie in an 11-inning game under the lights last Friday night at Gowdy Field. The game was called to permit the Barons to head for Keesler Field, where they had a Sunday engagement.

The game broke away to an early lead, scoring twice in the first inning and adding a single tally in the second. The Barons scored once in the third and added the tying runs in the fifth.

KITTREDGE HURLS

Charley Kittredge and Ed DeVolder shared the mound work for the Vets. Duncan and Smith worked for the leaguers.

Dick Weber, Vets' second baseman, led his team at bat, getting two hits. Dahl, Vets' first sacker, played a nice game, handling 13 putouts without a slip. Fielding honors, however, went to Cooper, Barons' first baseman, who had 22 chances without a slip.

The summary: School T. . . . 210 000 000 00-3 Barons. . . . 001 020 000 00-3 Batteries: Kittredge, DeVolder and Gekoski; Duncan, Smith and White.

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ROD AND GUN

Newlyweds Busy Fishing To Stock Family Larder

BY CPL. "TAP" GOODENOUGH
This is the tale of a couple of newlyweds who a-fishin' did go.

Married recently, and now settled down to the trials of housekeeping, Sgt. Harry Geeslin and his better three-quarters, Caroline, discovered that there was a meat shortage—and red points were something of which there were none whither.



The angling rendezvous was Harry, one of Fort Benning's veteran anglers and woodsmen. "While there's fish, there's food!" "To-all will have to bone 'em dahlin'," murmured the missus, watching her spouse's sinews ripple.

"That I will," he replied, whipping forth his trusty hunting knife.

And thus they ventured forth, loaded down with tackle and bait, accompanied by Sgt. Jack King and Miss Lily Wilson, as they snatched their lips in eager anticipation of the savory species which they hoped to hook.

Everyone used worms for bait, but Sgt. Geeslin had to put the crawling creatures on his wife's hook, for she can't stand the sight of 'em.

After eating fish for a week, they are now wishing that the hunting season was not so far away!

GUN SHOTS: Local noddies, who were disappointed by the lack of ducks last fall, will be interested to learn that the duck population actually did increase about 12 per cent, but exceptionally mild fall weather spoiled the sport. Ducks Unlimited of Atlanta, April 25, Box 100, reports in its annual survey.

The unusual weather, the report discloses, was the chief factor in the decline of the shooting in spite of an increase in ducks. The observers checked good duck hunting weather in 75 localities throughout the country—poor hunting weather in 452 localities.

The heaviest flight and the best hunting was reported from the Western portion of the Mississippi flyway and the central flyway, through Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma. Across the Northern zone, there were more ducks and better hunting West of the Mississippi than East.

Leaders Selected In Second Army Tennis Ratings

Seeded positions were given squad members this week in the tennis team of Fourth Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, prepared to begin a long series of interquad matches.

After a month of informal competition in which players were enabled to get their games back into shape, competition will now begin via the "ladder" method, as players challenge the next highest ranking man in order to move up into the top brackets.

OHISER FIRST: Ken Ohiser, of Tacoma, Washington, who used to play a lot of tennis for the College of Puget Sound in the early '30's, was seeded number one, while Edwin Penick, of Raleigh, N. C., drew the number two position.

In the third slot was Robert Love, of Columbus, Ohio, and Jerry Beiter, of Fairbault, Wis., was given number four.

In fifth place is George Wood, of Los Angeles, California. Wood, now away on furlough, is expected to move higher up when he gets back and begins play again.

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1st Company Wins In School Troops Softball Battle

The School Troops softball league sped down the stretch toward the third round Saturday as 1TD No. 2, after suffering a 13-3 setback at the hands of 4th Company, rode back to life on a 19-2 hit parade over 2nd Company.

The week's only other game in the "A" League saw 8th Company, which had been out of the league since the 1st round, win a 4-1 victory over 7th Company.

11-THING GAME
In "C" League on the court field, the 1st Motor Pool Company, 1TD No. 1, hurled a 10-1 victory over 2nd Company.

However, the game was appealed on the grounds that it was unofficial and will be played. This week's play will be divided between second and third round games.

Although military ceremonies postponed several games last week, one game in "C" League, one in "B" League, and one in "A" League, were played on Tuesday night under the lights at Gowdy Field.

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WARM SPRINGS—
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A slow steady drubbeat as the funeral cortege turned out of the foundation grounds and onto Pine Road. The road being straight as an arrow for that three-quarter mile distance, you could see the procession from the moment it left the foundation. The honor in the procession were winter woollens, and the contrast was stirring.

The funeral drum beat seemed to rise in its fury as the procession moved closer. And when the head of the procession reached a point about 300 yards from the station, the band started playing "Semper Paratus."

The band, incidentally, was a combined group of the 99th AGF Band, directed by CWO George A. Eberle, and the 267th AGF Band, directed by CWO Morris R. Pommitt. Both are units of the School Troops, Infantry School.

Marching briskly along in front of the band and in front of 1,600 of his men was Brig. Gen. George W. Walker, commanding general of the School Troops, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lt. Raymond C. Buchanan.

Behind the band came Col. Edward P. Passalacqua, commanding officer of Infantry Training Detachment No. 1, School Troops, followed by the members of the command.

Then came the color guard from 1TD No. 2, composed of flag-bearers Tech. Sgt. Matthew N. Novak and St. Sgt. Charles W. Maner, and guards Pvt. George L. Baker and Pvt. Grover H. Bickel. They carried the colors of the 4th Infantry Regiment, second oldest Army unit, which boasts many battle streamers.

The streamers fluttered in the breeze along with the black mourning band that was affixed to both the national and the regimental colors.

Behind the color guard came Col. John S. Moore, commanding officer of Infantry Training Detachment No. 2, and the men from the main post of School Troops.

Marching in columns of fours, the School Troops reached the station, then the color guard, and the band was to be carried up to the train.

Next in line of march came the solemn black hearse bearing the mortal remains of the great commander-in-chief.

Immediately behind the hearse, marching on foot, were high-ranking Army and Navy officers including Maj. Gen. Walker, Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander; Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Bailey, deputy chief of staff; Brig. Gen. Sidney Erickson, chief of staff, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, and Rear Admiral Jules James, Commandant, Sixth Naval District of Charleston.

Admiral James had arrived at Lawson Field by plane from Charleston the night before and was hurried to Warm Springs by a staff car from Fort Benning. Generals Bailey and Erickson had also arrived by plane at Benning on Thursday afternoon, for a routine tour of inspection of ASF units at the post.

Behind the distinguished military and naval leaders came a long line of cars, filled with the mourners, chief of which was Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt also had arrived at Lawson Field by plane late Thursday afternoon, accompanied by Rear Admiral Ross McIntyre, the President's personal physician, and Steve Early, presidential secretary.

As the hearse drew abreast of the end of the ramp, it came to a halt and the high-ranking officers marched on and took the body to positions in front of the casket. Then the casket was taken from the hearse by Army, Navy, and Marine pallbearers and carried up the ramp and placed in the rear of the train where it was received by the ten Benning MPs who placed it in position.

Six members of the 16-man honor guard which handled the casket at various times came from Infantry Training Detachment No. 2, School Troops. These same six men also accompanied the body to Washington along with six Marines and four Navy men. The Marines were from the Warm Springs detachment, while the Navy personnel came from Atlanta.

The 1TD No. 2 men in the honor guard were: Tech. Sgt. Henry W. Jones, Jr.; Tech. Sgt. Thurman L. Barham; St. Sgt. William T. Anderson, St. Sgt. Charles T. Basta, St. Sgt. Wayne C. Gerber, and St. Sgt. George G. Schramm.

After the body had been placed on the train, all of the photographers were permitted to ascend the rear platform of the coach and take a picture of the bier. Signal Corps photographer Phil Charles, only military cameraman to cover the Warm Springs funeral procession, obtained one of the finest pictures which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue and shows Sigs. Schramm and Jones mounting guard at the bier.

As soon as the photographers were finished, the troops were ordered to present arms, the officers snapped to salute and the train began to move, slowly disappearing from view behind the station and then around the bend.

Fort Benning had paid its last respects to the beloved commander-in-chief.

WAC Softball Starts May 7

The first half of the WAC Softball League competition will start on Monday, May 7, according to a joint announcement by Maj. John G. Macfarlan, Infantry School athletic and recreation officer, and Capt. Daniel C. Herlong, post athletic officer.

The four teams entered will play 18 games each during the season, with three full round-robin games in each half. In case of tie at the end of the first half a two-out-of-three-game playoff series will determine the half champions.

Winners of the first and second half titles will play a three-out-of-five-game series for the post pennant.

WAC teams entered are: The Parachute School "Trooperettes," Touched and Signed; The Medical "Profes," of WAC Detachment Two (Main Post); The Infantry School "Ladies," captained by Sgt. Frances "Betty" Trueblood; and S-St. Ellamie "Chris" Messing; the "WACademics," of WAC Detachment One (Harmony Church); The Infantry School, coached by Pvt. Chester Brill; "The hardball Profs," and the still-unnamed team from the Station Complement WAC Detachment, managed by Sgt. Jackie L. Smith.

Bridge Enthusiasts Tribute Instructor At Women's Meet

Bridge enthusiasts of the Fort Benning Women's Club will pay tribute to a 4-1 victory over the Columbus Foxes last Wednesday night under the lights at Gowdy Field.

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Post Hqs. Traffic Rules Are Amended

Regulations concerning picking up of passengers by motor vehicles on jaywalking were amended this week.

The time ban on jaywalking and picking up of passengers will now end at 5:45 p.m. as originally announced. The prohibition commences at 4:45 o'clock daily.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE Chief, Fort Benning's garrison flag flies at half-mast for 30 days in solemn mourning for the late President Roosevelt.

The garrison flag was raised Friday morning in place of the smaller flag usually flown.

War Department regulations provided that the flag be raised to the mast at reveille and lowered to half-mast at 8 o'clock last Friday. The hour the flag flew at the top of the huge pole caused countless soldiers to conjecture as to the correct position of the colors in mourning. (Signal Lab photo).

'Foxhole' Lighters Available at PXs

A small supply of a cigarette lighter similar to the famous "Foxhole" lighters will go on sale at the Main Exchange at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon as well as an exchange in each of the following outlying areas: Alabama area, Harmony Church and Sand Hill.

The lighters will retail for 85 cents. Another shipment of "ver-thin" lighters setting at 65 cents will also be placed on sale Friday afternoon on a first-come, first-served basis.

Chocolate candy bars are also available in sufficient quantities to whet appetites of the "sweet-tooths."

Electric shavers have also been received in small supply and will be placed on sale in the Regional Hospitals for the patients.

A sale of Shannon hosiery will be conducted tomorrow at the Main Exchange at 10:00 a.m. and again at three p.m. to keep the distaff side of the family joyful.

Arrow men's shorts, in general run of sizes, have been stocked in the Main Exchange and in the P. X. Clothing Store. There are some white ones too, as well as striped colored shorts.

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8 Battle Vets Decorated With Combat Badges

Eight battle veterans of the Academic Regiment, the Infantry School, were decorated with the Combat Infantryman Badge by Col. Brooker W. Brady, commanding officer, who himself, earned the badge in Africa and Italy, at a special formation held in the regimental canteen last Tuesday afternoon.

Those honored, including Infantrymen from both major theaters of the war were: Cpl. Adam M. Hornberger, veteran of four battles in Italy, who also wears a Silver Star for gallantry in action on the Salerno beachhead, where he braved direct enemy fire to save an abandoned amphibious vehicle loaded with anti-tank gun ammunition. The medal was presented to him in Italy by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, then commanding general of the 36th Infantry Division, and now commander of the Infantry School where Hornberger is now an assistant automotive instructor. He halls from Little Rock, Ark.

TORFEDO VICTIM
Cpl. Ernest G. Lumber, who had previously been decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds suffered when an enemy torpedo struck the ship from which his unit was preparing to land at Casablanca. He later took part in the amphibious invasions of Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. Now assigned to the School sound section, he resides with his wife at 3141 Peabody apartments, Columbus.

Pfc. Jose M. Morales, who has also been awarded the Purple Heart. He was advancing as first scout of his unit on the second day of the Salerno invasion when he was hit in the cheek by shrapnel from an enemy shell. Ex-farmer from Kingsville, Tex., he works in the School Property office.

Sgt. Gordon S. May, formerly of the American Division, who also earned the Presidential Unit Citation for his "actual combat duty with the First Marine Division (reinforced)" on Guadalcanal.

The insignia of the new unit is worn on the left shoulder sleeve. In case you've been wondering why some soldiers at Fort Benning have been wearing "overseas" unit shoulder patches on the right shoulder sleeve in addition to their current organization insignia on their left shoulder sleeve, here's the answer.

Current Army regulations provide for the wearing of overseas unit patch by returned Army personnel who are permanently assigned to a new unit in the United States. The insignia of the new unit is worn on the left shoulder sleeve.

Wear of the overseas insignia is optional after new assignment. Individuals may select one insignia which they desire to wear on the right sleeve from among those authorized the organizations to which they were assigned overseas.

Concert Violinist At Women's Club

Mrs. Maureen Moon, concert violinist was presented by the Music Section of the Fort Benning Women's Club in a recital held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at the main post Officers' club. She was accompanied by Mrs. A. Pilges, pianist.

The committee of arrangements included Mesdames Robert Miller, Charles Heard, Floyd Galloway, Robert Lantz, Melville Sanderson.

Mrs. Moon is an accomplished musician having studied with Leopold Auer, and Karl Flech in Berlin and with Junos Hugabue in Budapest. She played with the New York Philharmonic symphony at the time of Mengetliof's conducting and later made extensive concert tours of Scandinavia.

50,000th OC Subscribes To Infantry Journal

Second Lieut. Craig W. Lambert, was made a Life Member of the Infantry Association upon his graduation Tuesday from 25th Company, 3d Student Training Regiment, the Infantry School, in a presentation ceremony by Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, assistant commander of the school.

Lieutenant Lambert, who was previously stationed in Hawaii, was the 50,000th Officer Candidate to subscribe to the Infantry Journal. His Life Membership entitles him to a free subscription to the Journal. In addition, he was given the Infantry Journal Reader.

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Benning Dictionary

By CORP. LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR.
(Editor's Note: Any resemblance between this attempt at lexicography and Merriam-Webster's International Dictionary is purely complimentary.)

DISPATCHER (n.): A species of soldier known for ability to give out all the vehicles before ask for one, and who is adept at saying, "Sorry, the last one just left."

GOOF OFF (v.): Misspelling of the Paleo-Graecian word "Choeuf off," which meant "demonstrate any signs of intelligence." Often used by sergeants in the following manner: "I don't want none of youse to ghouf off!"

GORILLA (n.): Apelike characters, carnivorous to the extreme, quantities of which are to be found going to and from Ingersoll Loop in the early morning and after 5:30 p.m.

NIGHT PROBLEM (n.): "And we are here as on a darkling plain, Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight, Where ignorant armies clash by night."

DOUGHBODY STADIUM (n.): An enormous edifice which has in its time served as a football field, a softball diamond, a drill field, a chapel, a theater, a dance hall, and even, when the M.P.'s aren't around, a lovers' lane.

"VOICE OF FORT BENNING" (n.): A radio commentator adept at giving out in stentorian tones to the general public a complete summary of anything that is true.

BICYCLE (n.): A two-wheeled means of conveyance which belongs to the Public Relations office and which is exceedingly handy at getting stolen and not recovered for a month or so.

FX BREW (n.): To paraphrase the Carter's Little Liver Pills ad, "It does the work of beer without the kick of beer."

unit stationed in the Sand Hill Area of Fort Benning.

The ribbon awarded to soldiers for "having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation," will be presented to each recipient at retreat ceremonies.

Information & Education Questions Of The Week

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 8)

1. What is the status of the relationship between the United States and Argentina?

2. What is the attitude of Great Britain toward Argentina?

3. How many German prisoners have General Bradley's armies taken?

4. How many Japanese have been killed or captured in Manila?

5. How far is Hannover from Berlin? When was Hannover captured and by whom?

6. Where are the famed "Nazi Suicide troops" located? How many are there?

7. What was the "murder asylum" uncovered by the First Army troops in Germany?

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Library Art Exhibit Depicts Allied Aid In Supplying China

Fort Benning personnel will have a chance to see first-hand impressions of the Allied effort to supply China by air when 13 paintings by Col. Alan Gass of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, go on exhibition at the Garrison Library for six days starting this afternoon.

Vivid scenes of American and British flight and service crews at work in the monsoon country of Assam, India, and striking portraits of soldiers and natives are included among the fresh, modern works done by Gass during his 27 months in the China-Burma-India theater.

Highlighting the exhibit are scenes of action on an airfield in the middle of a tea-plantation where the artist served a year as an anti-aircraft gunner. A night view entitled "Fuel for the Planes of China" shows a crew of soldiers in fatigues rolling heavy barrels of octane gas into the open midriff of a transport plane. The break of dawn in the second picture reveals the loaded plane guarded by Indians manning a Bren-gun position under an exotic lavender sky.

"EARY MORN TAKEOFF"

In "Early Morning Takeoff" the planes are being pre-flight-checked for a trip "over the hump" as the sun breaks up the ground mists. The pilot stands under the nose of his ship talking to the shivering field officer who has just arrived in a truck. High above are the strange "commuting" birds who, Gass says, fly from Burma to Tibet every morning and fly back every evening, a round-trip of 160 miles! The final landscape in this series portrays mechanics removing the tarpaulin from a plane to complete a 50-hour checkup which had been interrupted by a sudden monsoon downpour. A heavy canvas curtain hangs over the plane; the Japs bombed Assam frequently from their bases in China. Gass painted this picture

from the door of his haystack hut on the edge of the field.

A desert strip in Karachi, India, provides the scene for "Contrast" which shows a modern four-motored plane resting on a strip near a primitive ox-cart driven by a native. Other landscapes are "Soldiers preparing a chicken" and "Farm Building in China," one of Gass' few works done in that country where art supplies were hard to get.

The most striking portraits are two water-colors of natives. "My Bear" is a sharp-featured, mustached, turbaned Indian who quit tea-plucking to haul water and wash clothing for Gass' squad. The other, who cleaned the Americans' "basha" huts, is caught by the artist in a fiercely self-conscious pose, his eyes set in the glaze of a stare which, added to his shock of unruly hair and a slash of ear, gives him a wild, impatient look.

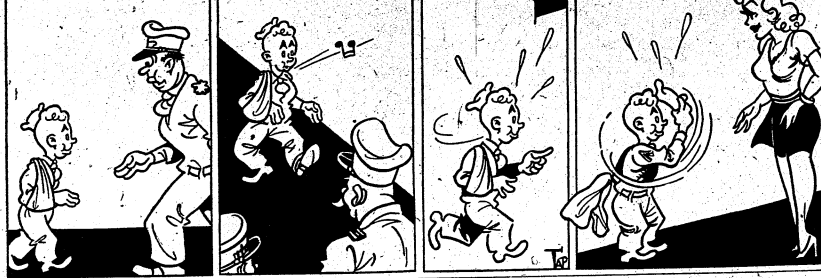
INTERESTING PORTRAITS

Other interesting portraits are of a strong, calm American soldier and ex-boxer obviously nicknamed "Red"; a dashing British captain who escaped from Singapore; and "A British Tommy" with an American Tommy-gunner. Each subject was picked for his interesting face, Gass says. All are portrayed as individual characters but their pictures have in common the subtleties of the tropics in which they worked together.

The library exhibit was arranged with the cooperation of Miss Frances Chaudler, librarian. The paintings will be displayed in several service centers in Columbus after leaving the library next Wednesday.

Cpl. Gass was graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1940 and was engaged as a designer and painter at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry before entering the service in 1942. He went overseas with a volunteer unit assigned to guard bases of air supply and later part of the land supply route to China. While in China he painted murals on the mud walls of his unit mess hall; before his rotation orders came through he was planning a set of murals for the Red Cross snack bar in Kunming.

CPL. GLUCK



Philippine Liberation Ribbons Pinned On 206 Combat Vets

The Philippine Liberation ribbon Friday was pinned on members of the detachment of combat veterans who will tour the nation in the "Here's Your Infantry" show in the Seventh War Loan. Two hundred and six of the 1167 veterans of overseas action qualified for the ribbon.

Colonel Alejandro Melchor, of the United States Army, military adviser to Philippine President Sergio Osmeña, a dead and a veteran of the Leyte invasion, decorated the

soldiers in a review on School Troops parade ground.

In a special ceremony at the end of the decoration, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of the Infantry School, pinned gold bars on Technical Sergeant Frank L. Reimel of Springfield, Pa. Reimel had been cited for a battlefield promotion to second lieutenant while in action with the 24th Infantry Division in the Philippines, and the commissioning order, dated January 16, reached him today.

FROM 31 STATES

Most of the Philippine veterans, who shortly will go on a nationwide tour in the Army Ground Forces War Bond Selling Show to demonstrate to the public how a Japanese pillbox is blasted and burned out, came from the 7th, 24th, 25th, 32nd, 37th, 40th, and 43rd Infantry Divisions, and the First Cavalry Division. Their homes are in 31 different states.

Speaking briefly before the decoration ceremony, Colonel Melchor declared: "These ribbons are a token of my government's appreciation, admiration and total support of the splendid planning and magnificent execution of the liberation of the Philippines as well as the true loyalty and gratitude of the Filipino people to this great country, the United States of America for our deliverance from the evil clutches of a devilish enemy."

CITATION

The citation for the liberation ribbon recognized the soldiers for "actively being engaged in the hazardous invasion of Leyte, Mindoro and Luzon. Forcing the enemy out of his positions, driving

through his fanatic resistance, burning him out of his caves and pillboxes, never giving him time to reorganize, they made possible the first major steps in the election of that enemy from the Philippine Commonwealth."

The citation for Lieutenant Reimel read: "Frank L. Reimel, Commanding Officer of Provisional for displaying high leadership."

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Red Cross Staff Assistant's Course Opens On Monday

A new American Red Cross staff assistant's course at Fort Benning will begin Monday, April 23rd at 9:30 a. m. at the Polo Hunt Club according to Mrs. Allen D. Albert, Jr., Chairman.

The course will consist of four two-hour lectures and a final examination to complete the study. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the Monday following, with the examination scheduled to be held May 2.

Anyone interested in the course has been asked to make application at the Red Cross Work room on Vibbert Avenue, at the Post or to phone Mrs. Albert at 3121 Fort Benning.

Staff Director Inspects WAC Detachment at TFS

Captain Emily U. Miller, Women's Army Corps Staff Director

from Replacement and School Command in Birmingham, inspected the Parachute School WAC Detachment Friday and was highly pleased.

"The Parachute School has a Detachment that measures up to all that is expected of the Women's Army Corps," said Captain Miller.

The captain observed the girls at work and in their quarters and found them to be all the WAC wants and looks for in its members.

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An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

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Countless intriguing outfits to help you greet your good times with carefree abandon are displayed attractively by the J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY. One of the most outstanding outfits is a seersucker play suit with a square neckline and buttons going down the back. Ruffles trim the cap sleeves as they do the hem of the attached shorts. The dirndl skirt to match, also has a deep ruffled band and a tie sash. Blue, brown or pink striped with white are the choice of colors. Other sun clothes are spectacular dresses with notched collars and a button fronts to the waist. The most notable feature of these crepe fashions are the two hip bows. Pink and lime are the summery-looking shades. These are just two items, others are equally attractive you'll find when you do your shopping for summer leisure fashions at Kirven's.

Mother's Day is now less than a month hence, so if you would make your Mother considerably happier you'd better get started . . . for it does take a bit of preparation. A photograph of you as you really are is bound to please your family more than anything else on this significant day. To accomplish this end,

you'll want to set the wheels turning this very day. Go in person or else phone for a definite appointment with the MAURICE PHOTO STUDIO in the Main Theatre building. This decidedly up-and-coming photo shop is well-equipped to turn out the best in the line of photography. Both you and your Mother will be proud of your latest portrait this Mother's Day if it is a product of this popular studio.

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OVERCOMES HANDICAP

Captain Wilson was kept from his several West Point appointments by malaria but he has overcome the handicap of not having attended the United States Military Academy and has traveled for the country in a good part of the world. His part in the Burma expedition was as the leader of the equivalent of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon. The Marauders were set up as a combat team to meet jungle conditions, but he will have some of the usual size he led what amounted to a small combat team armed with machine guns and 60 mm mortars and pack mules and riding horses for transportation.

"It was a hammer and anvil assignment we had," Captain Wilson explains. "We were behind the Japanese serving as an anvil, and the Chinese hammered at them from the front. When the odds went too strong against us, we pulled out and came in behind them somewhere else. This worked all right twice. The third time they knocked hell out of us!"

TOO MUCH PORK IN AT LEAST ONE TOWN

ANDOVER, Mass. (ALNS)—About 100 hungry pigs, that wanted to make hogs of themselves, broke loose and ranged over some sections of the city for two days, eating everything that could be consumed, biting at people and fighting among themselves. They were finally rounded up.

Information & Education

Answers

(Questions On Page 7)

1. The United States resumed normal diplomatic relations with Argentina on April 9th. The action was announced by Secretary of State Stettinius who said that it was taken in conjunction with the 19 other American Republics represented at the recent inter-American conference at Mexico City.

2. The same as the United States. They now have normal diplomatic relations.

3. General Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army Group has captured more than a million Germans. Lt. General George S. Patton's Third Army leads with 418,501. Lt. General Courtney H. Hodges' First Army has taken 405,703 and the Ninth Army of Lt. General William H. Stimson has bagged 182,162. Another American Army, the Seventh, had captured approximately 200,000 German troops.

4. The count of Japanese killed and captured in the Philippines reached 314,854 this week as General Douglas MacArthur added 495 dead and 179 prisoners to the official total.

5. Hannover was captured by the American Ninth Army April 11. The city is approximately 100 miles from Berlin.

6. It is estimated that there are 100,000 of them. They are in French seaports behind the battle lines. For nearly eight months they have held Dunkerque, Lorient the Gironde estuary, La Rochelle and St. Nazaire.

7. The so-called "murder asylum" uncovered by the First Army troops was a place at Hadamar, four miles north of Linz, where 20,000 political prisoners, Jews and slave laborers are estimated to have been put to death. German civil authorities estimated that 15,000 victims were gassed and cremated and another 5,000 killed by drugs and poisons.

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(THE AMERICAN WAY)



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